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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CREATE A DROUGHT PLAN  
FOR MOLOKAI AND IMPROVE THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaiian homestead farmers and other Molokai  
2 Irrigation System users require reliable and well-managed water  
3 supplies on Molokai; and  
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5           WHEREAS, water restrictions have had a negative economic  
6 impact on the Molokai Irrigation System and its users for  
7 several years; and  
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9           WHEREAS, future drought conditions could cause increased  
10 water restrictions that would result in employment reductions on  
11 Molokai and larger revenue losses for the Molokai Irrigation  
12 System and its users; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Molokai Irrigation System users have requested  
15 that the Department of Agriculture make various improvements to  
16 the system that would allow water users to expand their  
17 agricultural activities and create new jobs on Molokai; now,  
18 therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
23 Agriculture is urged to prepare a coordinated plan for the  
24 prudent management of water supplies on Molokai during drought  
25 conditions and to pursue improvements that Hawaiian homestead  
26 farmers and other water users have requested for the Molokai  
27 Irrigation System; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
30 is requested to provide a report on the status of the  
31 coordinated plan and improvements to the system to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the Regular Session of 2015; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
6 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes  
7 Commission, and the Chairperson of the Molokai Irrigation System  
8 Advisory Board.  
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