
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE
REQUEST BY HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD FARMERS AND OTHER USERS
RELATING TO THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN THE
DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

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 specifically address the improvements
24 requested by Hawaiian homestead farmers and other users of the
25 Molokai Irrigation System in the Department's Agricultural Water
26 Use and Development Plan; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
29 is requested to submit a report on the status of the
30 Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan, specifically



1 addressing the needs of the Molokai homesteaders and the Molokai
2 Irrigation System to the Legislature no later than twenty days
3 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
7 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
8 Commission, and the Chairperson of the Molokai Irrigation System
9 Advisory Board.

