
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Agriculture is urged to
23 prepare a coordinated plan for the prudent management of water
24 supplies on Molokai during drought conditions and to pursue
25 improvements that Hawaiian homestead farmers and other water
26 users have requested for the Molokai Irrigation System; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
29 is requested to provide a report on the status of the
30 coordinated plan and improvements to the system to this body no
31 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
32 Session of 2015; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of



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1 Agriculture, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and
2 the Chairperson of the Molokai Irrigation System Advisory Board.

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