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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOBILE SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE STATE OF
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, many small family farmers who have found a ready
2 market to sell their livestock directly to local consumers,
3 restaurants, and stores have difficulty finding a medium to
4 convert their live animals into a product for sale; and
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6 WHEREAS, the challenge for many of these small producers is
7 that they often do not have United States Department of
8 Agriculture inspected processing facilities available within a
9 practical distance and at an affordable cost; and
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11 WHEREAS, a growing opportunity for farmers across the
12 United States is the mobile slaughterhouse - a slaughter
13 facility mounted on a trailer that comes to the farm having the
14 benefits of low capital costs, convenience, and low processing
15 costs; and
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17 WHEREAS, in addition to the direct benefits for meat
18 producers that can result from the development of mobile meat
19 harvesting units, other benefits include:
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- 21 (1) The improvement of animal welfare by avoiding the need
22 to ship the animals long distances;
- 23 (2) The more efficient use of slaughter waste that can be
24 composted into valuable fertilizer and other products,
25 such as pet food; and
26 (3) The increased opportunities for rural employment; and
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28 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has
29 supported the small family farmer with Know Your Farmer, Know
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1 Your Food Initiative, which promotes farmers' markets and other
2 outlets for locally grown foods; and

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4 WHEREAS, the concerns for more stringent preventive
5 measures that relate to food safety has prompted the need for
6 the hazard analysis and critical control points system, a
7 systematic preventive approach to food safety that allows for a
8 more flexible regulatory approach for small producers when
9 meeting sanitary rules and other requirements; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
14 Agriculture is requested to create a task force to identify
15 which counties will benefit from the establishment of mobile
16 slaughterhouses, as well as examine the economic, environmental,
17 and regulatory consequences (opportunities/obstacles), including
18 information and experiences from communities and agencies across
19 the counties relevant to establishing mobile slaughterhouses to
20 serve Hawaii's small scale farmers and ranchers; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
23 Agriculture is requested to include on the task force the
24 following members or their designees:

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- 26 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
27 Resources;
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29 (2) The Chairperson of the Agribusiness Development
30 Corporation;
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32 (3) A representative from the United States Department of
33 Agriculture;
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35 (4) A representative from the University of Hawaii College
36 of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;
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38 (5) A representative from the United States Department of
39 Agriculture Rural Development;
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41 (6) A representative from the planning department of each
42 county, as appropriate;
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- 1 (7) A representative from the Department of Research and
2 Development of each county, as appropriate;
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- 4 (8) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau
5 Federation, as appropriate; and
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- 7 (9) A representative from the Cattlemen's Council; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
10 examine and make recommendations on the following issues
11 regarding the establishment of one or more mobile
12 slaughterhouses:
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- 14 (1) The need, if any, for the establishment of mobile
15 slaughterhouses for small producers on specific
16 islands as well as the economic factors regarding the
17 establishment of mobile slaughterhouses, including but
18 not limited to:
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 - 20 (A) The cost of, and potential funding for the
21 development of a mobile slaughterhouse;
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 - 23 (B) The cost of, and options for, the operation and
24 management of a mobile slaughterhouse;
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 - 26 (C) The potential rural employment opportunities as a
27 result of creating a mobile slaughterhouse; and
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 - 29 (D) The financial sustainability of an ongoing
30 operation of a mobile slaughterhouse; and
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- 32 (2) The existing and potential modification of regulatory
33 and permitting conditions within the county, state,
34 and federal levels; and
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- 36 (3) The environmental impacts and opportunities as well as
37 handling and removal procedures; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
40 report to the Legislature on its finding and recommendations,
41 including any necessary proposed legislation, no later than
42 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
43 2015; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 3 Board of Agriculture; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and
 4 Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Agribusiness
 5 Development Corporation; the Executive Director of the Hawaii
 6 Farm Bureau Federation; the Mayor of each county; the Dean of
 7 the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and
 8 Human Resources; the Director of Health; the United States
 9 Department of Agriculture Rural Development Business and
 10 Cooperative Programs Specialists of the United States Department
 11 of Agriculture; the United States Rural Development Agency; the
 12 President of the Cattlemen's Council; and the Hawaii Resource
 13 Conservation and Development Councils.

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