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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCER TASK FORCE TO CREATE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM
"BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER".

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's local agricultural producers provide
2 fresh and healthy foods and products that benefit the people of
3 Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State recognizes the important service that
6 local agricultural producers provide in sustaining Hawaii's
7 quality of life and local economy; and

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9 WHEREAS, the State often assists agricultural producers
10 through legislation and restricts abuse of government programs
11 by limiting assistance to bona fide agricultural producers; and

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13 WHEREAS, creation of a definition for the term "bona fide
14 agricultural producer" is important to ensure the effectiveness
15 of current and future government policies and programs; now,
16 therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that this body is requested
21 to establish a Bona Fide Agricultural Producer Task Force to
22 create a definition for the term "bona fide agricultural
23 producer"; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may create a
26 single definition to be used across state government or create
27 different definitions to be applied for different uses; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task
30 force is requested to include five representatives of farmers
31 and ranchers, with at least one from each county, and one
32 designee of each of the following:



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- (1) President of the Senate;
- (2) Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture;
- (4) Chair of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture;
- (5) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
- (6) Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
- (7) Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; and
- (8) Director of Taxation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to elect a chairperson from among its members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture; Chair of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; and Director of Taxation.


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