
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM TO UPDATE THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT'S ECONOMIC
OBJECTIVES FOR AGRICULTURE.

WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development
and Tourism maintains the Hawaii state planning act's objectives
and policies for the economy in regard to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the top priorities listed by the department are
the viabilities of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries; and

1 WHEREAS, the sugar and pineapple industries have played an
2 important role in Hawaiian agriculture for over a century; and
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4 WHEREAS, sugar and pineapple farming has greatly declined
5 in Hawaii over the past several decades; and
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7 WHEREAS, the vast amount of Maui lands dedicated to sugar
8 production ceased operations in 2016; and
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10 WHEREAS, pineapple exportation has significantly decreased
11 in Hawaii and now focuses on the smaller tourism market; and
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13 WHEREAS, the state of Hawaii has declared sustainability
14 and food security as a top priority; and
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16 WHEREAS, the state has a goal to double food production in
17 Hawaii by 2020; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2017, the Senate concurring, urges the Department of
22 Business, Economic Development and Tourism to study and update



1 the Hawaii state planning act's economic objectives and policies
2 for agriculture; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to
5 work with the Department of Agriculture to realign these
6 priorities to reflect a long term vision of sustainable
7 agriculture and self-sufficiency in Hawaii; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to
10 submit an updated priority list to the legislature no later than
11 twenty days prior to the start of the 2018 session; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
15 Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the
16 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, the President of the
17 Hawaii Farm Bureau and the president of the Hawaii Farmer's
18 Union United.

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