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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE FARM TO SCHOOL COORDINATOR TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A  
TWO-YEAR SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii farm to school program was established  
2 in 2015 for the purposes of improving student health,  
3 accelerating garden and farm-based education for public school  
4 students, and developing an educated agricultural workforce; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Hawaii farm to school program is also intended  
7 to increase procurement of locally produced food by the State's  
8 public schools and other institutions, and expand the  
9 relationships between public schools and agricultural  
10 communities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department  
13 of Education, Department of Agriculture as represented by the  
14 Farm to School Coordinator, and the Kohala Center have  
15 collaborated to fulfill the purposes of the farm to school  
16 program; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the farm to school program has begun work in the  
19 Kohala Complex Area on the island of Hawaii, including the  
20 development of a single kitchen to serve Kohala Elementary,  
21 Kohala Intermediate, and Kohala High Schools; and  
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23           WHEREAS, those involved with the work in Kohala have begun  
24 developing recipes that incorporate fresh locally produced food  
25 into the menus of the Kohala Complex Area schools; and  
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27           WHEREAS, students that are interested in joining the  
28 agricultural workforce may desire, but lack the opportunity, to  
29 obtain hands-on farming experience; and  
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31           WHEREAS, establishing a pilot program in which students are  
32 mentored by farmers will help fulfill the purposes for which the  
33 farm to school program was established; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2017, that the Farm to School Coordinator is urged to develop  
 4 and implement a two-year school mentorship pilot program,  
 5 commencing on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2019; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the pilot  
 8 program shall be to educate and mentor middle- and high-school  
 9 students who are interested in becoming members of the  
 10 agriculture workforce; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Farm to School Coordinator  
 13 shall select pilot program mentors from members of the Hawaii  
 14 Farm Bureau; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
 18 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the  
 19 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Farm to  
 20 School Coordinator.  
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