
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO UPDATE THE HAWAII STATE
PLANNING ACT'S ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES FOR AGRICULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act was signed into law
2 in 1978 to "improve the planning process in this [S]tate, to
3 increase the effectiveness of government and private actions, to
4 improve coordination among different agencies and levels of
5 government, to provide for wise use of Hawaii's resources and to
6 guide the future development of the [S]tate"; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning's role under the Hawaii
9 State Planning Act is to provide technical assistance in
10 administering the Act and to contract with public and private
11 agencies and persons for special research and planning
12 assistance; and
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14 WHEREAS, the current Hawaii State Planning Act economic
15 objectives for agriculture list Hawaii's sugar and pineapple
16 industries as top priorities; and
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18 WHEREAS, the sugar and pineapple industries have played an
19 important role in Hawaiian agriculture for over a century; and
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21 WHEREAS, sugar and pineapple farming has greatly declined
22 in Hawaii over the past several decades; and
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24 WHEREAS, the vast amount of Maui lands dedicated to sugar
25 production ceased operations in 2016; and
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27 WHEREAS, pineapple exportation has significantly decreased
28 in Hawaii, and the industry now focuses on the smaller tourism
29 market; and
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31 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has declared sustainability
32 and food security as a top priority; and



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2 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a goal to double food
3 production in Hawaii by 2020; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning
8 is urged to study and update the Hawaii State Planning Act's
9 economic objectives and policies for agriculture; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
12 requested to work with the Department of Agriculture to realign
13 the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural priorities in
14 accordance with a long-term vision that includes consideration
15 of sustainable agriculture and self-sufficiency in Hawaii and
16 other potential vision elements; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
19 requested to submit a long-term vision statement and an updated
20 priority list of state economic objectives and policies for
21 agriculture to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
22 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
26 Office of Planning; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
27 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
28 President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau; and President of Hawaii
29 Farmers Union United.

