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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN WITH BENCHMARKS
TO DOUBLE LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION BY 2020.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii lacks a strategic plan to facilitate and
2 provide direction for the transition of Hawaii's agriculture
3 industry from one dominated by sugar and pineapple production to
4 one composed of a diversity of crops; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture's Statewide
7 Agricultural Land Use Baseline 2015 shows a dramatic change in
8 agricultural land use over the last thirty-five years as sugar
9 and pineapple production have downsized; and
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii's insufficient local food production makes
12 the State reliant on imported foods, placing the State in a
13 vulnerable situation in the event of a natural disaster or
14 catastrophic incident; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Governor has announced the goal of doubling
17 local food production by 2020, but has not developed a strategic
18 plan with benchmarks; and
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20 WHEREAS, according to the 2012 report entitled "Increased
21 Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy: A State
22 Strategic/Functional Plan Prepared in Accordance with HRS
23 Chapter 226 Hawaii State Plan and the Hawaii Comprehensive
24 Economic Development Strategy", replacing just ten percent of
25 the food Hawaii currently imports with locally produced food
26 would amount to approximately \$313,000,000 remaining in the
27 local economy and generate 2,300 jobs; and
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29 WHEREAS, development of a strategic plan and investment in
30 agriculture will move Hawaii closer to food resiliency and
31 generate economic development in rural areas that have seen job
32 reduction due to the downsizing of sugar and pineapple
33 production; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,



1 that the Governor is urged to develop a strategic plan that
2 identifies benchmarks to double local food production for import
3 replacement and double exports of food-crops, value-added
4 products, and ornamentals from Hawaii by 2020; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
7 include the following in the strategic plan:

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9 (1) Identification of food crops by island that can be
10 grown locally to replace imports and increase exports
11 of food-crops, value-added products, and ornamentals
12 from Hawaii;

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14 (2) Identification of lands that can be purchased or
15 exchanged by the State to double local food production
16 to replace imports and increase exports of food-crops,
17 value-added products, and ornamentals from Hawaii;

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19 (3) Guidance for decisions regarding land acquisition,
20 irrigation, and agricultural infrastructure;

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22 (4) Identification of the implications and effects of the
23 federal Food Safety Modernization Act;

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25 (5) Identification of additional incentives for farmers;

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27 (6) Funding to calculate import and export quantities by
28 crop; and

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30 (7) Requirements for state agencies and concessions on
31 state property to purchase a certain percentage of
32 their food locally; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
35 submit the strategic plan to the Legislature no later than
36 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
37 2018; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
3 Board of Agriculture, and Director of the Office of Planning.
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