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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS AGRICULTURAL THEFT  
AND VANDALISM.

1           WHEREAS, agricultural theft and vandalism are constant  
2 threats for the State's farmers and ranchers; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the large acreages that many farming and ranching  
5 operations encompass make them difficult to police; and  
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7           WHEREAS, some farmers and ranchers do not live on or near  
8 the fields where they work, making the operations challenging to  
9 monitor after-hours; and  
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11           WHEREAS, theft and vandalism increase production costs,  
12 making it more difficult for the State's farmers and ranchers to  
13 succeed; now, therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
17 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Agriculture  
18 is requested to identify best practices and make recommendations  
19 regarding a statewide program to address agricultural theft and  
20 vandalism; and  
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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
23 is requested to report its findings and recommendations,  
24 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
25 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular  
26 Session; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
30 Board of Agriculture.

