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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO FINALIZE MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR PURPOSES OF DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.

1 WHEREAS, on September 1, 2016, the Governor set a goal to  
2 double local food production by 2020; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the transition from pineapple and sugar cane to  
5 diversified agriculture will require diverse sources of  
6 irrigation; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the State has purchased thousands of acres of  
9 former pineapple land in Central Oahu to increase local food  
10 production; and  
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12 WHEREAS, many former pineapple lands do not have sufficient  
13 irrigation infrastructure or water; and  
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15 WHEREAS, recycled water is a quality source for irrigating  
16 agricultural lands and can be used for the irrigation of food  
17 crops where the recycled water comes into contact with the  
18 edible portion of the crop, including all root crops; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the State is working with the City and County of  
21 Honolulu and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to divert the  
22 1,600,000 gallons of R-1 water from the Wahiawa Wastewater  
23 Treatment Plant so local farmers have a diverse source of  
24 irrigation; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation must  
27 finalize a memorandum of understanding with the City and County  
28 of Honolulu to divert the R-1 water from the Wahiawa Wastewater  
29 Treatment Plant; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation must  
32 finalize a memorandum of understanding with the Office of  
33 Hawaiian Affairs to provide the Agribusiness Development  
34 Corporation with an easement; and



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2 WHEREAS, this would be the second project in the State to  
3 utilize recycled water for agricultural uses; and  
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5 WHEREAS, currently, the treated R-1 water is being dumped  
6 into the Wahiawa Reservoir; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the public perception of the Wahiawa Reservoir is  
9 negative due to the effluent outfall from the Wahiawa Wastewater  
10 Treatment Plant; and  
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12 WHEREAS, diverting recycled water from the Wahiawa  
13 Wastewater Treatment Plant provides opportunities to revitalize  
14 and reactivate areas in and around the Wahiawa Freshwater State  
15 Recreation Area; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources State  
18 Parks Division is developing a master plan to increase  
19 activities and facilities at the Wahiawa Freshwater State  
20 Recreation Area that include bass fishing tournaments, Frisbee  
21 golf, park golf, and walking paths; and  
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23 WHEREAS, diverting the R-1 water to support local food  
24 production and revitalize the Wahiawa Reservoir for activity  
25 will create economic development for the town; and  
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27 WHEREAS, reusing recycled water is in the public interest,  
28 health, safety, and general welfare of the State; now,  
29 therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
32 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the City  
33 and County of Honolulu and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are  
34 requested to finalize memorandums of understanding with the  
35 Agribusiness Development Corporation for purposes of  
36 diversifying sources of irrigation; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
39 is requested to finalize a memorandum of understanding with the  
40 Agribusiness Development Corporation to divert R-1 water from  
41 the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
2 is requested to finalize a memorandum of understanding with the  
3 Agribusiness Development Corporation to provide the Agribusiness  
4 Development Corporation with an easement; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
8 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Executive  
9 Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Mayor of  
10 the City and County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the Honolulu  
11 City Council.

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