
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FINALIZATION OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING AND
OTHER ACTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF
IRRIGATION IN CENTRAL OAHU.

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 another source of
24 irrigation water; 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



1 Hawaiian Affairs to provide the Agribusiness Development
2 Corporation with an easement; and

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4 WHEREAS, this would be the second project in the State to
5 utilize recycled water for agricultural uses; and

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7 WHEREAS, currently, the treated R-1 water is being dumped
8 into the Wahiawa Reservoir; and

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10 WHEREAS, the public perception of the Wahiawa Reservoir is
11 negative due to the effluent outfall from the Wahiawa Wastewater
12 Treatment Plant; and

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14 WHEREAS, diverting recycled water from the Wahiawa
15 Wastewater Treatment Plant provides opportunities to revitalize
16 and reactivate areas in and around the Wahiawa Freshwater State
17 Recreation Area; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources State
20 Parks Division is developing a master plan to increase
21 activities and facilities at the Wahiawa Freshwater State
22 Recreation Area that include bass fishing tournaments, Frisbee
23 golf, park golf, and walking paths; and

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25 WHEREAS, diverting the R-1 water to support local food
26 production and revitalize the Wahiawa Reservoir will create
27 economic development for the town; and

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29 WHEREAS, reusing recycled water is in the public interest
30 and has benefits for the health, safety, and general welfare of
31 the State; now, therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
34 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the City
35 and County of Honolulu and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are
36 requested to finalize memorandums of understanding with the
37 Agribusiness Development Corporation for purposes of
38 diversifying sources of irrigation; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
41 is requested to finalize a memorandum of understanding with the



1 Agribusiness Development Corporation to divert R-1 water from
2 the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
5 Corporation is requested to finalize the route of its
6 transmission line from the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant;
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
10 Corporation and Office of Hawaiian Affairs are encouraged to
11 finalize easement discussions, if appropriate; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
15 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Executive
16 Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Mayor of
17 the City and County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the Honolulu
18 City Council.

