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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DESIGNATE KUNIA,  
LEILEHUA PLATEAU, AND POAMOHO AS THE CENTRAL OAHU  
AGRICULTURAL CORRIDOR AND TO ESTABLISH A LIST PRIORITIZING  
POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS  
THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST VALUE TO THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, the farmlands of Kunia and Wahiawa were once major  
2 areas of pineapple production in the State; and

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4           WHEREAS, since the downsizing of Hawaii's pineapple  
5 industry, both the State and private landowners have diversified  
6 farming on former pineapple plantation lands; and

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8           WHEREAS, Hawaii imports nearly eighty-five percent of the  
9 food it consumes, and a natural disaster or global event have  
10 the potential to significantly disrupt Hawaii's food supply; and

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12           WHEREAS, the State has set a goal to double local food  
13 production by 2030; and

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15           WHEREAS, significantly increasing diversified farming in  
16 Hawaii will require new infrastructure, including roads and  
17 water systems integrated to match the needs of farmers; now,  
18 therefore,

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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
21 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
22 Department of Agriculture is urged to designate Kunia, Leilehua  
23 Plateau, and Poamoho as the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor;  
24 and

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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
27 is requested to establish a list prioritizing potential  
28 agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would  
29 provide the most value to the State when considering:  
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- 1 (1) The estimated increase in agricultural production if
- 2 the recommended infrastructure improvement project is
- 3 implemented;
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- 5 (2) The estimated cost of the recommended infrastructure
- 6 improvement project; and
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- 8 (3) Any other factors the Department of Agriculture finds
- 9 relevant; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
12 is requested to submit a report containing its list and related  
13 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to  
14 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular  
15 Session of 2021; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
19 Agriculture.

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22 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

