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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; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State and counties should consider agriculture
20 in long-term state and county planning; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
23 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
24 Department of Agriculture is urged to designate Kunia, Leilehua
25 Plateau, and Poamoho as the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor;
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
29 is requested to establish a list prioritizing potential
30 agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would
31 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;
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- 8 (3) County plans;
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- 10 (4) County zoning and land use;
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- 12 (5) State land use; and
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- 14 (6) Any other factors the Department of Agriculture finds
- 15 relevant; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
18 is requested to submit a report containing its list and related
19 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to
20 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular
21 Session of 2021; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
25 Agriculture.

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