



In 2012, I worked with my Senate colleagues and introduced a resolution recognizing the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC) for their assistance to farmers and urged them to establish a Kunia agriculture processing and sales center. Recognizing HARC's service to the local agricultural industry, both the Senate and House approved SCR67 paving the way for local farmers to expand their value-

added products line using locally grown produce. In addition to [SCR67](#), we also passed [HB1925](#) updating state law creating a new market for direct-to-consumer sales. This allows local

farmers to sell their products directly to the consumer on-site by providing them the tools to develop a retail component to help them grow their business and create jobs. I'm happy to see that just within three years our efforts have provided opportunities for local farmers to create a new agribusiness industry here in our community.



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