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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 eight-five percent of the  
9 food it consumes, and a natural disaster or global event has the  
10 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 House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
25 Agriculture is urged to designate Kunia, Leilehua Plateau, and  
26 Poamoho as the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
29 is requested to establish a list prioritizing potential



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1 agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would  
2 provide the most value to the State when considering:

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- (1) The estimated increase in agricultural production if the recommended infrastructure improvement project is implemented;
- (2) The estimated cost of the recommended infrastructure improvement project;
- (3) County plans;
- (4) County zoning and land use;
- (5) State land use; and
- (6) Any other factors the Department of Agriculture finds relevant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture is requested to submit a report containing its list and related findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2024; and

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

OFFERED BY: 

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