

# **SCR192**

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AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH TO CONDUCT A JOINT  
STUDY TO MODERNIZE  
REGULATIONS FOR PRODUCTIVE  
DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE.**

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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

March 31, 2015  
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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 192  
and  
SENATE RESOLUTION 127  
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
TO CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY TO MODERNIZE REGULATIONS FOR  
PRODUCTIVE DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE**

Chairpersons Ruderman and Green and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution 192 and Senate Resolution 127 urging the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health to conduct a joint study to modernize regulations enacted when sugarcane and pineapple for productive diversified agriculture. Both departments are requested to study farms by acreage, location, and other characteristics to determine what regulations may be modernized. A report on our findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation is to be submitted to the 2016 Legislature.

The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of the resolutions but would ask that action be deferred pending the results of current studies. The Department has already begun the process of studying and identifying various farms across the state with the intention of mapping their location and what they are growing by contracting with Jeff Melrose through the University of Hawaii-Hilo to expand on a similar study that he did for the island of Hawaii entitled "Hawaii County Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline



2012". The Department would ask for time to allow Mr. Melrose to complete his study that could then be the basis for future agricultural policy decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

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