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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF PLANNING, LAND  
USE COMMISSION, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY AND COUNTY  
OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE DESIGNATION OF  
GALBRAITH LANDS AS IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND  
PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE THEM AS AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, when the Legislature enacted Act 183, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2005, establishing important agricultural lands, it  
3 declared that the people of Hawaii have a substantial interest  
4 in the health and sustainability of agriculture as an industry  
5 in the State and that there is a compelling state interest in  
6 conserving the State's agricultural land resource base and  
7 ensuring the long-term availability of agricultural lands for  
8 agricultural use; and  
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10           WHEREAS, this is in accord with the State's responsibility  
11 under Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution to  
12 conserve and protect agricultural lands; and  
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14           WHEREAS, certain agricultural lands are also important  
15 because of their special historical, cultural, and visual value  
16 to the State and are akin in many ways to landmarks; and  
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18           WHEREAS, these "historic agricultural landmarks" should be  
19 preserved and perpetuated as agricultural land for the benefit  
20 of the people of Hawaii; and  
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22           WHEREAS, agricultural lands, such as the George Galbraith  
23 Trust agricultural lands north of Wahiawa, Oahu, are intertwined  
24 with the historic and cultural fabric of the surrounding towns  
25 and their people; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Galbraith lands in question are pineapple  
2 plantation lands and home to former and current pineapple  
3 workers, many of whom have lived and worked on the pineapple  
4 plantation lands for decades; and

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6           WHEREAS, many of the workers who left the pineapple  
7 plantation camps settled in surrounding towns, and their  
8 families are still living there today; and

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10          WHEREAS, the pineapple industry is a significant part of  
11 Hawaii's history; and

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13          WHEREAS, Wahiawa, in particular, was once known as "The  
14 City of Pines" or "Land of a Million Pines" and considered the  
15 hub of the world's pineapple industry; and

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17          WHEREAS, the Galbraith lands in question are, in essence, a  
18 prime example of agricultural lands that have a special  
19 historical, cultural, and visual value to the people of Hawaii;  
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22          WHEREAS, part III of chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
23 establishes standards and criteria for the identification, as  
24 well as the designation, of important agricultural lands; and

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26          WHEREAS, state and county agricultural policies, tax  
27 policies, land use plans, ordinances, and rules are required to  
28 promote the long-term viability of agricultural use of lands  
29 designated as important agricultural lands by, among other  
30 things, facilitating the long-term dedication of important  
31 agricultural lands for future agricultural use through the use  
32 of incentives; and

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34          WHEREAS, instead of acquiring the Galbraith lands in  
35 question, the State should restrict the land use to preserve and  
36 perpetuate it as agricultural land for the continuing benefit of  
37 the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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39          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
40 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
41 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of



1 Honolulu is urged to initiate and advance the process, pursuant  
2 to section 205-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to identify and map  
3 the Galbraith lands in question as important agricultural lands;  
4 and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu City Council is  
7 urged to adopt the important agricultural lands maps delineating  
8 the Galbraith lands in question, once they are submitted; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
11 and the Office of Planning are urged to support the designation  
12 of the Galbraith lands in question, as important agricultural  
13 lands; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon receipt of the important  
16 agricultural lands maps delineating the Galbraith lands in  
17 question, the Land Use Commission is urged to identify and  
18 designate the Galbraith lands in question, as important  
19 agricultural lands; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once the Galbraith lands, in  
22 question, are identified and designated as important  
23 agricultural lands, the Land Use Commission and the City and  
24 County of Honolulu are urged to restrict the land use to  
25 facilitate the long-term dedication of the Galbraith lands in  
26 question, as agricultural lands to preserve and perpetuate the  
27 lands for the continuing benefit of the people of Hawaii; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board  
31 of Agriculture, the Director of the Office of Planning, the  
32 Chair of the Land Use Commission, the Chair of the Honolulu City  
33 Council, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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