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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON  
THE FEASIBILITY OF RESTRUCTURING HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL AND  
SUGAR COMPANY ON MAUI TO OPERATE AN INDUSTRIAL HEMP  
PLANTATION.

1           WHEREAS, according to legislation enacted in Vermont,  
2 industrial hemp farmers in Canada have reported a return rate  
3 equal to \$800 per acre of farmed land; and  
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5           WHEREAS, as a food crop, industrial hemp seeds and oil have  
6 high nutritional value, including healthy fats and protein; and  
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8           WHEREAS, as a fiber crop, industrial hemp can be used in  
9 the manufacture of clothing, building supplies, animal bedding,  
10 and other products; and  
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12           WHEREAS, as a fuel crop, industrial hemp seeds can be  
13 processed into biodiesel energy and the stalks can be pelletized  
14 or flaked for burning or processed for cellulosic ethanol; and  
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16           WHEREAS, industrial hemp is a suitable crop for Hawaii that  
17 will contribute to the economic growth of the State and the  
18 future viability of the State's agricultural industry; now,  
19 therefore,  
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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
24 Agriculture is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility  
25 of restructuring the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company on  
26 Maui to operate an industrial hemp plantation; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
29 is requested to report its findings and recommendations,  
30 including any proposed legislation to the Legislature, not later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
2 of the 2010; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
5 Department of Agriculture is requested to use the state of  
6 Vermont's industrial hemp laws as a guide to determine the  
7 feasibility of operating an industrial hemp plantation on Maui;  
8 and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
12 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, the Plantation General  
13 Manager of the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company, and the  
14 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alexander & Baldwin,  
15 Inc.  
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