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## SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S EFFORTS  
TO STIMULATE THE STATE'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, INCREASE AND  
DIVERSIFY AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT, AND PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY.

1           WHEREAS, the local agriculture industry is vital to the  
2 State's economy and the public's well-being; and  
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4           WHEREAS, in 2008, the Department of Agriculture established  
5 a biosecurity program to prevent the entry into the State and  
6 interisland movement of pests and prohibited organisms and to  
7 promote the production of agricultural commodities in the State,  
8 thus reducing shipments of imported cargo; and  
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10           WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2012, the Department  
11 of Agriculture introduced legislation to establish an  
12 agricultural development and food security program that seeks to  
13 increase agricultural sustainability and improve the economic  
14 viability of the State's agriculture industry; and  
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16           WHEREAS, diversified agriculture results in a variety of  
17 locally grown and produced agricultural products available for  
18 local consumption and for export and increases the viability of  
19 the agriculture industry in the State; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the agriculture development and food security  
22 program and development of the farm to market concept would  
23 increase the State's self-sufficiency, job opportunities, and  
24 agricultural product exports and, in turn, would diversify the  
25 State's economy; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,  
29 that this body strongly supports the Department of Agriculture's  
30 programs to expand Hawaii's agriculture industry and recognizes  
31 that the establishment of the agricultural development and food  
32 security program is important to stimulate the State's economy;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Agriculture; and Director of Business, Economic  
4 Development, and Tourism.

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