
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING AN AGRICULTURE POLICY TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AGRICULTURAL
POLICIES FROM OTHER STATES TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
HAWAII'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY.

1 WHEREAS, the local agriculture industry is highly
2 significant to Hawaii's economy and the public's well-being; and

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4 WHEREAS, food safety, costs, and availability; clean air;
5 and clean water are issues of public concern that should be
6 considered in expanding the State's agricultural industry; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii is not unique in its need to encourage the
9 growth of its local agriculture industry, and other states may
10 offer examples of agriculture policies that preserve competition
11 and safety; and

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13 WHEREAS, immediate support for the State's agriculture
14 industry would improve food self-sufficiency and security;
15 increase sustainability, job opportunities, and Hawaii
16 agricultural exports; and contribute to the diversification of
17 the State's economy; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the
22 Board of Agriculture is requested to convene an agriculture
23 policy task force to review agriculture policies from other
24 states that may be effective in Hawaii to assist with the
25 development of the local agricultural industry; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
28 include the following members or the member's designee:
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- 1 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who is
2 requested to serve as the chairperson of the task
3 force;
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- 5 (2) Director of Health;
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- 7 (3) Director of Transportation;
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- 9 (4) Mayor of each county;
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- 11 (5) Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Agriculture;
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- 13 (6) Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee
14 on Agriculture;
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- 16 (7) Two state legislators who represent agricultural areas
17 of the State, to be appointed jointly by the President
18 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives;
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- 21 (8) Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
22 Resources of the University of Hawaii;
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- 24 (9) President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 26 (10) A representative of local agriculture product
27 wholesalers, to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of
28 the House of Representatives and the President of the
29 Senate;
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- 31 (11) President of the Hawaii Food Industry Association; and
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- 33 (12) President of the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
37 focus its review on good agricultural practices, water
38 resources, air quality, and food safety; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
41 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
42 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
43 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
44 2013; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
3 Bureau is requested to assist the task force in preparing its
4 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation; provided
5 that the Chairperson of the task force is requested to submit a
6 draft of the task force's recommendations to the Legislative
7 Reference Bureau for drafting no later than November 1, 2012;
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Board of Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of
13 Transportation; Mayor of each county; Chairperson of the Senate
14 Standing Committee on Agriculture; Chairperson of the House of
15 Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture; Dean of the
16 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the
17 University of Hawaii; President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
18 Federation; President of Hawaii Food Industry Association;
19 President of the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; and
20 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

