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SENATE CONCURRENT 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, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
30 strongly supports the Department of Agriculture's programs to
31 expand Hawaii's agriculture industry and recognizes that the



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1 establishment of the agricultural development and food security
2 program is important to stimulate the State's economy; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
6 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; and Director of
7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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