
SENATE 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,
21 that the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture is requested to
22 convene an agriculture policy task force to review agriculture
23 policies from other states that may be effective in Hawaii to
24 assist with the development of the local agricultural industry;
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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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30 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who is
31 requested to serve as the chairperson of the task
32 force;
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34 (2) Director of Health;



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

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 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 36 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
 37 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 38 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 39 2013; and

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 41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 42 Bureau is requested to assist the task force in preparing its
 43 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation; provided
 44 that the Chairperson of the task force is requested to submit a



1 draft of the task force's recommendations to the Legislative
2 Reference Bureau for drafting no later than November 1, 2012;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
7 Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of Transportation;
8 Mayor of each county; Chairperson of the Senate Standing
9 Committee on Agriculture; Chairperson of the House of
10 Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture; Dean of the
11 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the
12 University of Hawaii; President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
13 Federation; President of Hawaii Food Industry Association;
14 President of the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; and
15 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

