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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY TO MODERNIZE REGULATIONS FOR
PRODUCTIVE DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii was once world renowned for its mass
2 production of sugar and pineapple; and

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4 WHEREAS, the downsizing and closures of major sugar and
5 pineapple producers caused a major loss in jobs and economic
6 stimulus in the agriculture industry; and

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8 WHEREAS, the diversification of agricultural crops is the
9 logical choice to replacing monocrop farming as it has potential
10 to recreate the once vibrant agricultural economy; and

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12 WHEREAS, current regulations are still built on the
13 foundation of monocrop farming; and

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15 WHEREAS, there is a need to modernize regulations so that
16 they are conducive for diversified agriculture; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
20 that the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health are
21 encouraged to conduct a joint study to modernize regulations for
22 productive diversified agriculture; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
25 and Department of Health are requested to study various farms in
26 relation to acreage, location, and other characteristics to see
27 what regulations may be modernized; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
30 and Department of Health are requested to jointly submit a
31 report of their findings, recommendations, and proposed
32 legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
33 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Agriculture and Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY:




