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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED FRAMEWORK OF SUPPORT FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH POST-SECONDARY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the average age of farmers in Hawaii is over sixty
2 years old; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have a viable farming workforce
5 for future development and expansion of agricultural lands and
6 food production; and

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8 WHEREAS, in order to meet the State's aspirations for
9 increased food security and self-sufficiency, the number of
10 local farms and farmers will need to increase significantly; and

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12 WHEREAS, in addition to crop and livestock production,
13 farming today requires the ability to market products, ensure
14 compliance with regulations, and run operations as a business;
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17 WHEREAS, one of the main reasons for the shortage of labor
18 in agriculture in Hawaii is insufficient interest by youth in
19 pursuing the fields of agriculture and natural resource
20 management; and

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22 WHEREAS, overall support for agriculture education among
23 state agencies, including training for agriculture teachers, has
24 declined in Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, a coordinated framework of support for agriculture
27 education does not currently exist among state agencies and
28 other stakeholders; and

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30 WHEREAS, agriculture education can serve as a foundation
31 for future opportunities in agriculture-related career pathways;
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1 WHEREAS, programs involving agriculture education,
2 including farm to school and school garden programs, have been
3 shown to improve student health, academic achievement, behavior,
4 and interest in and awareness of food systems; and
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6 WHEREAS, a vibrant grassroots movement in support of
7 agriculture education through farm to school and school garden
8 programs has emerged in Hawaii, along with a marked increase in
9 new farmer training programs and other related efforts, that
10 will greatly benefit from the establishment of a broad coalition
11 and coordinated working group in support of agriculture
12 education on behalf of Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, through agriculture education, the National
15 Council for Agricultural Education envisions a world where all
16 people value and understand the vital role of agriculture, food,
17 fiber, and natural resources systems in advancing personal and
18 global well-being; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
22 that the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
23 Agriculture and Human Resources is requested to convene a
24 working group to develop a coordinated framework of support for
25 preschool through post-secondary (P-20) agriculture education
26 and a plan for implementation by December 31, 2017; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be led by the
29 Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
30 Agriculture and Human Resources, or the Dean's designee; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
33 to include but not be limited to the following members:
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- 35 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture or the
36 Chairperson's designee;
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- 38 (2) The United States Secretary of Agriculture or the
39 Secretary's designee;
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- 41 (3) A representative from the Hawaii Department of
42 Education Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and



- 1 Student Support, to be chosen by the Deputy
2 Superintendent;
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- 4 (4) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the
5 Director's designee;
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- 7 (5) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College
8 of Education or the Dean's designee;
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- 10 (6) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-West Oahu
11 or the Chancellor's designee;
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- 13 (7) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College
14 of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource
15 Management or the Dean's designee;
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- 17 (8) A representative from the University of Hawaii
18 Community Colleges to be chosen by the Dean of the
19 University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
20 Agriculture and Human Resources;
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- 22 (9) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture;
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- 24 (10) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on
25 Agriculture;
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- 27 (11) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;
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- 29 (12) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on
30 Education;
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- 32 (13) A representative from Hawaii Future Farmers of America
33 Association, to be chosen by the Dean of the
34 University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
35 Agriculture and Human Resources;
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- 37 (14) The President of the Hawaii 4-H Foundation Board of
38 Trustees or the President's designee;
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- 40 (15) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of
41 Independent Schools or the Executive Director's
42 designee;



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(16) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network or the Executive Director's designee;

(17) The Coordinator of the Hawaii Farm to School and School Garden Hui;

(18) The President of the Hawaii Farmers Union United Board of Directors or the President's designee;

(19) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation or the Executive Director's designee; and

(20) The President of the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawaii Board of Directors or the President's designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report, prepared by the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, of its implementation strategy and recommendations for developing a statewide coordinated framework of support for P-20 agriculture education, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report, prepared by the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, of the actual status of implementation of a statewide coordinated framework of support for P-20 agriculture education to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2018 and 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Agriculture; Governor; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Education; Superintendent of Education; Deputy Superintendent of Education; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education;



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2 University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry,
3 and Natural Resource Management; University of Hawaii Community
4 Colleges; Hawaii Future Farmers of America Association;
5 President of the Hawaii 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees;
6 Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent
7 Schools; Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter Schools
8 Network; Coordinator of the Hawaii Farm to School and School
9 Garden Hui; President of the Hawaii Farmers Union United Board
10 of Directors; Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
11 Federation; and President of the Agricultural Leadership
12 Foundation of Hawaii Board of Directors.

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