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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCER TASK FORCE TO CREATE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM
"BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER".

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's local agricultural producers are critical
2 to sustaining quality of life and the local economy by providing
3 fresh and healthy foods and products that benefit the people of
4 Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State often assists agricultural producers
7 through legislation and restricts abuse of government programs
8 by limiting assistance to bona fide agricultural producers; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Revised Statutes does not define "bona
11 fide agricultural producer"; and

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13 WHEREAS, creating a definition for the term "bona fide
14 agricultural producer" is important to ensure the effectiveness
15 of current and future government policies and programs; now,
16 therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Agriculture is requested to establish a temporary task force for
22 the purpose of creating a single definition of "bona fide
23 agricultural producer"; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may create a
26 single definition to be used across state government or create
27 different definitions to be applied for different uses; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task
30 force is requested to include five representatives of farmers
31 and ranchers, with at least one from each county, to be selected



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1 by the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and one designee
2 of each of the following:

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- 4 (1) President of the Senate;
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- 6 (2) Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 8 (3) Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture;
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- 10 (4) Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and
11 Environment;
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- 13 (5) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who is
14 requested to serve as chair of the task force;
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- 16 (6) Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
17 Resources;
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- 19 (7) Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; and
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- 21 (8) Director of Taxation; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
24 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
25 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
26 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
27 2018; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force dissolve on
30 June 30, 2018; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
34 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Chair of the
35 House Committee on Agriculture; Chair of the Senate Committee on
36 Agriculture and Environment; Chairperson of the Board of
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1 Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
2 Resources; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; and
3 Director of Taxation.
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