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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO UPDATE THE HAWAII STATE
PLANNING ACT'S ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES FOR AGRICULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act was signed into law
2 in 1978 to "improve the planning process in this [S]tate, to
3 increase the effectiveness of government and private actions, to
4 improve coordination among different agencies and levels of
5 government, to provide for wise use of Hawaii's resources and to
6 guide the future development of the [S]tate"; and
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8 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, Office of Planning's role
9 under the Hawaii State Planning Act is to provide technical
10 assistance in administering the Act and to contract with public
11 and private agencies and persons for special research and
12 planning assistance; and
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14 WHEREAS, the current Hawaii State Planning Act economic
15 objectives for agriculture list Hawaii's sugar and pineapple
16 industries as top priorities; and
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18 WHEREAS, the sugar and pineapple industries have played an
19 important role in Hawaiian agriculture for over a century; and
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21 WHEREAS, sugar and pineapple farming has greatly declined
22 in Hawaii over the past several decades; and
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24 WHEREAS, the vast amount of Maui lands dedicated to sugar
25 production ceased operations in 2016; and
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27 WHEREAS, pineapple exportation has significantly decreased
28 in Hawaii and the industry now focuses on the smaller tourism
29 market; and
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31 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has declared sustainability
32 and food security as a top priority; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a goal to double food
2 production in Hawaii by 2020; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning
7 is urged to study and update the Hawaii State Planning Act's
8 economic objectives and policies for agriculture; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
11 requested to work with the Department of Agriculture to realign
12 the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural priorities to
13 reflect a long term vision of sustainable agriculture and self-
14 sufficiency in Hawaii; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
17 requested to submit an updated priority list of state economic
18 objectives and policies for agriculture to the Legislature no
19 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
20 Session of 2018; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
24 Office of Planning; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
25 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
26 President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau; and President of Hawaii
27 Farmers Union United.
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