
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF VERTICAL FARMING
OPERATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, vertical farming produces food indoors in vertical
2 stacked layers; and

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4 WHEREAS, vertical farming uses indoor farming techniques
5 and controlled-environment agriculture technology; and

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7 WHEREAS, vertical farming has great potential to increase
8 crop yields in limited land space; and

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10 WHEREAS, other countries such as Singapore have been
11 successful with vertical farming operations, which balances
12 urban development and food sustenance necessities; and

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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii must entertain alternatives to its current
15 agricultural operations by bringing in fresh ideas in connection
16 with utilizing the 'āina and practicing responsible land
17 stewardship; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, in conjunction with
23 the Department of Agriculture, is requested to study the
24 economic impacts of vertical farming operations; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study focus on food
27 production, potential job creation opportunities, and
28 identifying areas in urban settings that can be used for
29 vertical farming; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism, in conjunction with the
3 Department of Agriculture, report its findings and
4 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
5 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
9 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and the Chairperson
10 of the Board of Agriculture.

