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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 ten representatives of farmers and  
31 ranchers, with at least one from each county, and a practitioner



1 of Native Hawaiian farming methods, to be selected by the  
2 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and one designee of  
3 each of the following:

- 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;
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- 21 (8) Director of Taxation;
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- 23 (9) Director of Business, Economic Development, and
- 24 Tourism; and
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- 26 (10) Hawaii Association of Counties; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
30 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
31 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
32 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
33 2019; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force dissolve on  
36 June 30, 2019; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
40 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Chair of the  
41 House Committee on Agriculture; Chair of the Senate Committee on  
42 Agriculture and Environment; Chairperson of the Board of



- 1 Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
- 2 Resources; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
- 3 Director of Taxation; Director of Business, Economic
- 4 Development, and Tourism; and members of the Hawaii Association
- 5 of Counties.

