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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO START A FARM  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, activities on Agribusiness Development Corporation  
2 lands must meet the current standards for agriculture and food  
3 safety best practices; and  
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5           WHEREAS, farmers vary greatly in terms of fiscal resources,  
6 farming experience, business acumen, and English language  
7 skills; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation lacks the  
10 resources necessary for constant oversight and vigilance to  
11 manage a diverse population of farmers; and  
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13           WHEREAS, farmers may not be aware that compliance is  
14 required with federal programs that ensure public health on  
15 Agribusiness Development Corporation lands, including:  
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- 17           (1) United States Department of Agriculture Good  
18           Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices;  
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- 20           (2) United States Food and Drug Administration's Food  
21           Safety Modernization Act;  
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- 23           (3) Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection  
24           Act; and  
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- 26           (4) United States Environmental Protection Agency's  
27           Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; now,  
28           therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Agribusiness  
33 Development Corporation is urged to establish a farm



1 apprenticeship program that creates an efficient and effective  
2 framework or model to manage farming operations through a  
3 sublease structure in which a lead farmer is responsible for the  
4 actions of the farmer's lessees; and

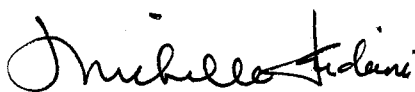
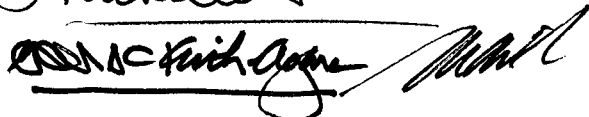
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the farm apprenticeship program  
7 should:

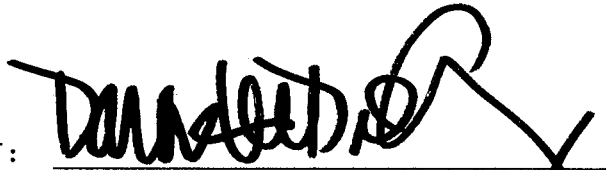
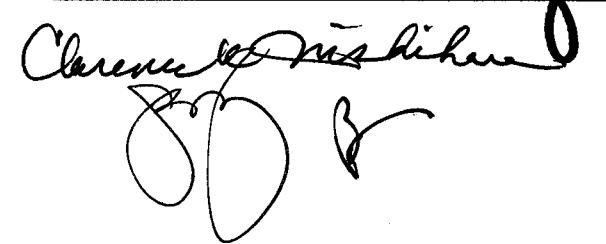
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- 9 (1) Include the establishment of the lead farmer as a
- 10 single point of contact with whom the Agribusiness
- 11 Development Corporation will communicate to improve
- 12 fiscal management and communication;
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- 14 (2) Be a replicable model for expanded production;
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- 16 (3) Ensure compliance with applicable best practice
- 17 programs;
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- 19 (4) Coordinate crop selection and rotation to ensure
- 20 optimal production; and
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- 22 (5) Develop proficiency and competence among sublessees
- 23 who may move into a lead farmer position on another
- 24 parcel; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii  
27 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is urged to  
28 support the lead and lessee farmers in the farm apprenticeship  
29 program with extension services that focus on technical and  
30 workforce development issues, including outreach and training;  
31 and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
35 Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation  
36 and Dean of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical  
37 Agriculture and Human Resources.

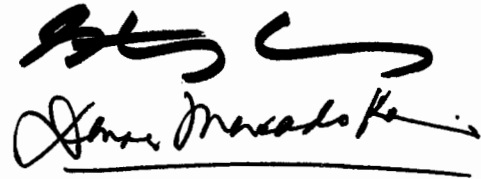
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