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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING FARMERS IN THE STATE TO EXAMINE ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURAL  
TECHNOLOGIES FOR TECHNIQUES AND IDEAS THAT CAN BE  
IMPLEMENTED IN THE STATE TO INCREASE THE LOCAL FOOD  
PRODUCTION.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii imports ninety percent of its food and  
2 therefore, increasing local food production is essential for the  
3 future health and vitality of the State; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Governor has established the goal of doubling  
6 local food production by 2020; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the State has many natural resources and vast  
9 agricultural lands that lend themselves to increased food  
10 production; and  
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12           WHEREAS, despite the State's natural resources and goals  
13 for increased local food production, local food production has  
14 remained slow to develop over an extended time; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Israel, a country where sufficient fresh water  
17 supplies are lacking and where only approximately twenty percent  
18 of the land is arable, has a highly developed agricultural  
19 industry, is a major exporter of fresh produce, and is a world-  
20 leader in agricultural technologies; and  
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22           WHEREAS, despite its lack of natural resources and  
23 generally unfavorable farming conditions, Israel produces  
24 approximately ninety-five percent of its own food; and  
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26           WHEREAS, Israel is a strong ally of the United States and  
27 would therefore be a useful resource for local farmers to look  
28 to for ideas for implementing advanced agricultural technologies  
29 for the purpose of increasing local food production; now,  
30 therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 94

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that this body urges all  
 4 farmers in the State to examine Israel's agricultural  
 5 technologies which allow Israel to produce ninety-five percent  
 6 of its own food despite unfavorable farming conditions, for  
 7 techniques and ideas that can be implemented in the State to  
 8 increase local food production; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Department  
 11 of Agriculture and University of Hawai'i College of Tropical  
 12 Agriculture and Human Resources to encourage farmers and  
 13 students across the State to examine Israel's agricultural  
 14 technologies for techniques and ideas that can be implemented in  
 15 the State to increase local food production; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 19 Board of Agriculture and Dean of the University of Hawai'i  
 20 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.  
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