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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO CONSULT WITH HAWAII  
SMALL SCALE FARMERS, HAWAII SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS, AND  
AFFECTED PARTIES ON THE OFFSETTING OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT.

1           WHEREAS, the State supports Hawaii's farmers and seeks to  
2 create connections to food security and locally grown products  
3 for the health and well-being of communities and economic  
4 stability for producers; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes the important role  
7 that agriculture, food, and nutrition play in the social and  
8 economic well-being of local communities; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to ensure that  
11 communities have access to healthy, nutritious food; and  
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13           WHEREAS, on January 4, 2011, the Food Safety Modernization  
14 Act was signed into law to better protect public health by  
15 strengthening the food system; and  
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17           WHEREAS, in January 2013, the Food and Drug Administration  
18 published Produce Safety and Preventive Control Rules to  
19 implement the Food Safety Modernization Act, in addition to six  
20 proposed rules under the Food Safety Modernization Act, all  
21 without meaningful consultation with the citizens of Hawaii,  
22 particularly Hawaii small scale farmers; and  
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24           WHEREAS, many Hawaii small scale farmers are bound by  
25 contract to use the land they lease for the purpose of farming  
26 or ranching, and they will be particularly vulnerable to costs  
27 associated with conforming to the standards outlined in the Food  
28 Safety Modernization Act; and  
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