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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL  
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
CONSTRUCTING A MULTIPURPOSE, MULTI-USER PROCESSING FACILITY  
ON THE LAND IN THE EWA, CENTRAL OAHU AREA BEING OFFERED TO  
THE HAWAII AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER, FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS THAT MAKE USE OF LOCALLY-GROWN  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, sections 3 and 10 of article XI of the Hawaii  
2 Constitution mandate the support and promotion of diversified  
3 agricultural activities and agricultural self-sufficiency for  
4 the state; and  
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6           WHEREAS, Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, in  
7 establishing a process for important agricultural lands,  
8 declared that the policy of the State is to:  
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- 10           (1) Conserve and protect agricultural lands;  
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12           (2) Promote diversified agriculture;  
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14           (3) Increase agricultural self-sufficiency; and  
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16           (4) Assure the availability of agriculturally suitable  
17 lands;  
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21           WHEREAS, numerous concurrent efforts are proposing other  
22 ways, means, and incentives to promote agriculture in the state;  
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25           WHEREAS, there may be more opportunities for our local  
26 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and  
27 international markets if our agricultural products are properly



1 processed, packaged, and assembled locally, however, the state  
2 currently does not have a facility to serve such purposes; and  
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4 WHEREAS, there is an area of approximately 8,000 contiguous  
5 acres of valuable Hawaii farmland in the Ewa, central Oahu area  
6 that is being purchased by companies and that will provide for a  
7 diverse mix of farming operations, both large and small; and  
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9 WHEREAS, a landowner, Campbell Estate, has indicated a  
10 willingness to donate to the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center,  
11 approximately 119 acres of this land together with improvements,  
12 including agricultural worker housing and existing facilities  
13 for agricultural offices and agribusinesses; and  
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15 WHEREAS, this situation presents an invaluable opportunity  
16 to build a multipurpose, multi-user processing facility in the  
17 state for the complete production of value-added products; now,  
18 therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
23 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH-  
24 CTAHR) is requested to study the feasibility of constructing a  
25 multipurpose, multi-user processing facility on the land in the  
26 Ewa, central Oahu area being offered to the Hawaii Agriculture  
27 Research Center, for the production of value-added products that  
28 make use of locally-grown agricultural products; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to  
31 consider the following in its study:  
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- 33 (1) The feasibility of using a large, multipurpose  
34 processing facility that serves multiple users and  
35 produces different value-added agricultural products;  
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- 37 (2) The type of owner-operator that would be appropriate  
38 for the facility, whether public, private, or a  
39 combination thereof;  
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- 41 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products  
42 that may be processed by the facility;  
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- 1 (4) The local, national, and international markets that
- 2 may be targeted for products of the processing
- 3 facility;
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- 5 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in
- 6 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;
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- 9 (6) Any information that may be provided by the National
- 10 Conference of State Legislatures as to whether other
- 11 states have experienced a similar phenomenon of the
- 12 demise of large, plantation-style agricultural
- 13 industries over a relatively short period of time,
- 14 leaving much of the plantation lands fallow and the
- 15 supporting infrastructure unused and decaying;

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to  
20 consult with the Department of Agriculture, Department of  
21 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Department of Land  
22 and Natural Resources, Agribusiness Development Corporation,  
23 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agriculture Research  
24 Center, Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association, National  
25 Conference of State Legislatures, and other stakeholders in the  
26 agriculture industry; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to report  
29 its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
30 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 45 days prior to  
31 the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
35 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Director of Land  
36 and Natural Resources, Executive Director of the Agribusiness  
37 Development Corporation, Dean of the University of Hawaii  
38 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and the  
39 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture who, in turn, is  
40 requested to transmit copies to the Hawaii Farm Bureau  
41 Federation, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Food  
42 Manufacturers Association, National Conference of State  
43 Legislatures, and other appropriate stakeholders in the  
44 agriculture industry.

