



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE FOR THE CITY TO FOSTER THE GROWTH AND ENHANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON OAHU.

WHEREAS, agricultural activities increase diversity within Honolulu's economy and maintain open space and scenic views for residents and visitors to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Council has recognized in previous resolutions the need to support ongoing agricultural activities and enhance the profitability and viability of agricultural businesses on Oahu: 1) Resolution 03-125, CD1, which urged the administration to designate an agricultural development officer to foster the growth and enhancement of agricultural activities on Oahu; 2) and Resolution 98-55, CD1, which requested the Mayor to establish an agricultural advisory committee, 3) Resolution 04-45, urging the state legislature to enact legislation that would identify, conserve, and protect important agricultural lands; 4) Resolution 02-100, CD1, supporting the establishment of an agricultural industry development task force as described in the twenty-first legislature of the State of Hawaii in House Concurrent Resolution 94, HD1; and

WHEREAS, the task force convened by Council Resolution 04-218, CD1, FD1, to recommend long-term solutions to the problems related to the real property taxation of agricultural land, determined that, in addition to the need for alternative agricultural property taxation, there exists a need for a more comprehensive approach, including reviewing the land use ordinance for impediments to development of agricultural lands or unnecessary requirements; and

WHEREAS, the city has acknowledged that volunteers are a valuable resource when budget constraints limit the availability of city staff resources to those city services identified as essential; and

WHEREAS, the council believes that agriculture is an important component of Hawaii's economy and culture and merits greater attention in policy making and implementation; and

WHEREAS, members of the agricultural community have the necessary expertise and motivation to guide and implement the strategies that would be required of an agricultural development officer and, by creating an agricultural development task force the city may benefit from the knowledge and commitment of the agricultural industry; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that an agricultural development task force is established to examine and undertake the actions necessary to enhance the viability of the agricultural industry on Oahu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is to be comprised of nine members, and that within 21 days of adoption of this resolution each council member shall designate one member to serve on the task force; provided that if a council member fails to appoint a member within 21 days of adoption of this resolution the council chair may designate a task force member on his or her behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that priority focus of the task force is to recommend areas where city policy may support agricultural development, to include, but not be limited to: 1) reviewing the land use ordinance regarding zoning for agricultural areas and the necessary changes in zoning to reflect changes in agricultural practices; 2) addressing gentleman farming from a land use perspective by restricting these uses in agricultural areas; 3) reevaluating requirements for roads and utilities within agriculturally zoned areas; 4) examining the agricultural tax rate; and 5) developing incentives to benefit and enhance the agricultural industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its findings and recommendations in writing to the council no later than one year from the date of adoption of this measure; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the city council.

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RESOLUTION 04-288, CD1

Introduced: 9/22/04 By: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz

Committee: Planning

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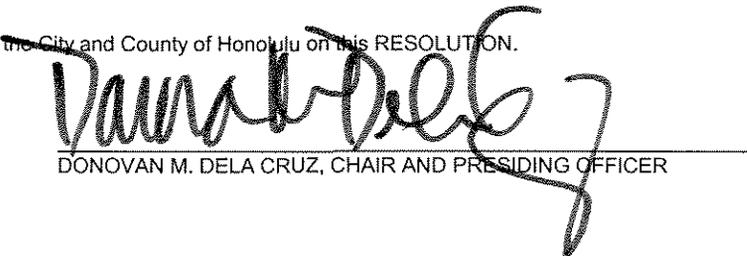
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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER