



RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL AGRICULTURE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION.

WHEREAS, agriculture has played a critical role throughout Hawaii's history in feeding the local population and sustaining the local economy; and

WHEREAS, agriculture on Oahu, while eclipsed by other economic sectors, endures as an essential component of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised Oahu General Plan attached to Resolution 21-23, which is currently under consideration by the City Council ("Council"), includes an economic objective (Economy, Objective C) to ensure the long-term viability and continued productivity of agriculture on Oahu, and includes policies aimed at diversification, sustainability, and affordability; and

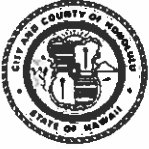
WHEREAS, continued development of local agriculture is an integral part of revitalizing and diversifying Oahu's economy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-197, FD1, which was approved by the Council on October 7, 2020, created the Office of Economic Revitalization, which, among other things, is tasked generally with promoting economic development and revitalization, as well as with overseeing, coordinating, and directing the City's response to and recovery from economic disruptions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Revitalization is also charged with overseeing, coordinating, and directing economic support for sustainable agriculture in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Revitalization employs a Food Security and Sustainability Program Manager, and is developing programs supporting local food production by working with local farms on food systems development and food security; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that a grant program to support local agriculture should be implemented with goals including the promotion of new crops, facilitation of innovations in farming methods, and acquisition of farm equipment to increase efficiency; now, therefore,



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 21-79

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is urged to establish a grant program to support local agriculture through the Office of Economic Revitalization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is requested to include funding for an agricultural grant program in his proposed Executive Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 and to provide the Council, within 120 days of the adoption of this resolution, a draft of any legislation deemed necessary for the establishment of such a grant program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Executive for Economic Revitalization.

INTRODUCED BY:

Guthrie Williams

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 22 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers