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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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4 URGING THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS OF POI TO PRODUCE POI WITH  
5 LESS WATER CONTENT.  
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7 WHEREAS, poi is a staple food of Hawaii made from the corm  
8 of the taro; and  
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10 WHEREAS, although taro is eaten around the world, only  
11 Hawaiians pound taro into poi, a food which has enormous  
12 cultural and historical significance for the people of our  
13 state; and  
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15 WHEREAS, in addition to its significance as a cultural and  
16 historical linchpin of traditional Hawaiian society, poi also  
17 represents an important part of a healthy diet for Hawaiians and  
18 other ethnic groups; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the consistency of poi is measured by the number  
21 of fingers it takes to eat the poi; and  
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23 WHEREAS, many consumers of poi prefer "two finger" poi,  
24 which implies a dense, thicker serving of poi; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature has found strong anecdotal  
27 evidence from consumers that the consistency of poi sold in bags  
28 has become watery over the years, resulting in a dilution of the  
29 taste and the health benefits of poi; now, therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
33 Session of 2007, that this body urges the major commercial  
34 producers of poi to produce poi with less water content; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 resolution be transmitted to the major producers of commercial  
3 poi, including the owners of Haleiwa Poi Inc., Hanalei Poi  
4 Company, HPC Foods, Limited, and Pueo Poi Company.  
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