
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REFRAIN
FROM SELLING PUBLIC LANDS THAT CONTAIN OR ARE CONTIGUOUS TO
HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaiian fishponds, or loko i'a, are cultural
2 treasures unique to Hawaii and the "Loko Kuapa" is a style and
3 feat of Hawaiian engineering that has not been duplicated
4 anywhere else in the world; and
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6 WHEREAS, these ancient structures are ties to an important
7 element of Hawaiian culture that is on the verge of being lost
8 forever; and
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10 WHEREAS, the experience of preserving, nurturing, and
11 revitalizing the loko i'a in recent times has proved to be a
12 valuable tool and resource for learning and an opportunity to
13 instill awareness of the need to "malama I ka 'ama"; and
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15 WHEREAS, traditional knowledge of the physical, spiritual,
16 and cultural aspects of loko i'a represents a near perfect
17 balance of early Hawaiians' understanding of our relationship to
18 the land, sea, and heavens; and
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20 WHEREAS, this knowledge continues to have a profound
21 influence in understanding the problems of contemporary society
22 and its relationship to the environment today; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State has a compelling interest in preserving
25 historic and culturally meaningful techniques related to
26 aquaculture and the environment; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
 4 Natural Resources is urged to refrain from selling public lands
 5 that contain Hawaiian fishponds, in whole or part, and the land
 6 contiguous to these culturally and historically significant
 7 systems; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 11 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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