
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN
RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF PLANTING NON-GENETICALLY MODIFIED KALO IN
THE REFLECTING POOL THAT SURROUNDS THE STATE CAPITOL
BUILDING.

1 WHEREAS, kalo (*colocasia esculenta*), or in English, taro,
2 is a central part of the Hawaiian culture, as it is considered
3 sacred and a part of the Hawaiian genealogy; and
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5 WHEREAS, kalo is also an important source of food in
6 Hawaiian culture; and
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8 WHEREAS, the grounds of the State Capitol are a gathering
9 place for visitors, as well as residents from across the state;
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12 WHEREAS, the architectural design of the State Capitol
13 building symbolizes unique aspects of this State: the eight
14 columns along the front and back of the building represent the
15 State's major islands, the sloping walls of the House and Senate
16 chambers represent the volcanoes, and the columns rising out of
17 the reflecting pools represent palm trees; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2007, kalo was designated by law as the
20 official plant of the State; and
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22 WHEREAS, despite its cultural importance and the abundance
23 of other symbolic representations at the State Capitol building,
24 kalo is not present; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
29 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in



1 consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, is requested
2 to study the feasibility of planting non-genetically modified
3 taro in the reflecting pools that surround the State Capitol
4 building; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the College of Tropical
7 Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii is
8 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations
9 to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening
10 of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board
14 of Regents and the President of the University of Hawaii, Dean
15 of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at
16 the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of
17 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

