

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1507

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-107, 2009

RE: H.R. No. 134
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.R. No. 134 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PLANTING KALO IN THE REFLECTING
POOL THAT SURROUNDS THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to add kalo to the symbols
of Hawaii that are a part of the Hawaii State Capitol, by
requesting the University of Hawaii (UH) College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources, in consultation with the Office
of Hawaiian Affairs, to study the feasibility of planting kalo in
the reflecting pools that surround the State Capitol building.

The Representative of the 11th District and a concerned
individual supported this measure. UH at Manoa supported the
intent of this measure. A concerned individual submitted
comments.

UH was concerned that planting kalo would add to the costs of
maintaining the reflecting pools surrounding the State Capitol,
and cause drainage issues. Your Committee believes that instead
of maintaining the reflecting pools, consideration should be given
to replacing these pools with dry land kalo, and perhaps, a
symbolic representation of the surrounding ocean waters. This may
result in a solution that costs less than current estimates of

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conducting needed repairs on the pools, while enhancing the historic and symbolic value of the State Capitol building. However, your Committee also believes that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs should make any final decision on whether dry land or another type of kalo is preferred.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Amending its title to read: "HOUSE 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";
- (2) Specifying that the requested study consider the feasibility of planting non-genetically modified taro around the State Capitol building; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 134, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Agriculture in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 134, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MELE CARROLL, Chair



