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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT A LO'I BE ESTABLISHED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE  
STATE CAPITOL.

1           WHEREAS, kalo (*colocasias esculenta*), Hawaiian for taro, is  
2 considered sacred and is also a central part of Hawaiian  
3 genealogy and culture; and  
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5           WHEREAS, a lo'i, Hawaiian for taro paddy, is the traditional  
6 method of planting kalo; and  
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8           WHEREAS, kalo is also an important source of food in  
9 Hawaiian culture; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the State Capitol grounds are a gathering place  
12 for visitors as well as residents from across the State; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the architectural design of the State Capitol  
15 building symbolizes unique aspects of the State: the eight  
16 columns along the front and back of the building represent the  
17 State's major islands, the sloping walls of the House of  
18 Representatives and Senate chambers represent the volcanoes, and  
19 the columns rising out of the reflecting pools represent palm  
20 trees; and  
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22           WHEREAS, in 2007, the Legislature designated kalo as the  
23 State's official plant; and  
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25           WHEREAS, despite its cultural importance and the abundance  
26 of other symbolic representations at the State Capitol building,  
27 kalo is not present; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2010, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is requested  
32 to oversee the establishment of a lo'i on the grounds of the  
33 State Capitol; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OHA is requested to work with  
2 and consult native Hawaiian preservation and education groups  
3 and practitioners to devise a plan to ensure the success of the  
4 program by:

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6 (1) Securing funds from private donations for the  
7 materials needed to establish the lo'i;  
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9 (2) Allowing Onipa'a Na Hui Kalo and other volunteer  
10 organizations, taro farmers, and individuals to  
11 provide the labor to establish and maintain the lo'i;  
12 and  
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14 (3) Working with Oahu Hawaiian immersion and Hawaiian  
15 cultural focused charter schools to provide education,  
16 cultural activities, and research;

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OHA is requested to submit a  
21 report to the Legislature of its progress no later than 20 days  
22 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
26 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Directors  
27 of Onipa'a Na Hui Kalo, and Executive Director of the Charter  
28 School Administrative Office.

