

JAN 21 2010

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO PLANT ONE
MILLION TREES BY OCTOBER 2010, AS PART OF THE CHILDREN AND
YOUTH MONTH CELEBRATION.

1 WHEREAS, trees are essential to a healthy environment for
2 Hawaii, and increasing the number of trees planted in Hawaii
3 would improve Hawaii's natural beauty and provide other needed
4 benefits; and

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6 WHEREAS, trees supply oxygen in the air we breathe and keep
7 the air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide; and

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9 WHEREAS, trees provide shade and shelter, reducing annual
10 heating and cooling costs in the United States by \$2.1 billion;
11 and

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13 WHEREAS, tree roots stabilize the soil, prevent soil
14 erosion, support the capture and conservation of our water
15 supply, and help remediate pollutants; and

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17 WHEREAS, trees cut down on noise pollution by acting as
18 sound barriers; and

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20 WHEREAS, trees lower air temperatures by evaporating water
21 from their leaves; and

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23 WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Hawaii successfully planted
24 1,200,000 trees for the "A Million Trees of Aloha" initiative;
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27 WHEREAS, across the nation, in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City,
28 New York City, and other places, communities are working to
29 plant a million trees in urban settings; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Children and Youth
2 Month Planning Committee and the Nature Conservancy, in
3 partnership with other community organizations, are requested to
4 establish and coordinate a statewide program to plant one
5 million trees by October 2010, as part of the Children and Youth
6 Month celebration; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community groups are
9 requested to partner with local growers to plant indigenous
10 trees and fruit trees, when feasible; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Children and Youth Month
13 Planning Committee is requested to provide a report on the
14 success of the tree planting campaign to the Legislature no
15 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011
16 Regular Session; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
20 Department of Land and Natural Resources, the county Mayors, the
21 Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
22 Agriculture and Human Resources, the Chairperson of the Children
23 and Youth Month Planning Committee, the Chairperson of the Board
24 of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, the Chief
25 Executive Officer of the Outdoor Circle, the Chairperson of the
26 Friends of Hawaii's Urban Forest, the Chairperson of the
27 Tropical Reforestation & Ecosystems Education (TREE) Center
28 Hawaii, and the President of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

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