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# SENATE 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  
6 traditional 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 volcanoes, and the  
19 columns rising out of the reflecting pools represent palm trees;  
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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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
31 that the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of  
32 Land and Natural Resources is requested to oversee the  
33 establishment of a lo'i on the grounds of the State Capitol; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation  
2 Division is requested to work with native Hawaiian preservation  
3 and education groups to ensure the success of the program by:

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- 5 (1) Securing funds from private donations for the  
6 materials needed to establish the lo'i;
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  - 8 (2) Allowing Onipa'a Na Hui Kalo to provide the labor to  
9 establish and maintain the lo'i; and
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  - 11 (3) Working with Oahu Hawaiian immersion and Hawaiian  
12 cultural focused charter schools to provide education,  
13 cultural activities, and research; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation  
16 Division is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of  
17 its progress no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
18 the Regular Session of 2011; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
22 Land and Natural Resources, the State Historic Preservation  
23 Officer, the Board of Directors of Onipa'a Na Hui Kalo, and the  
24 Executive Director of the Charter School Administrative Office.

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