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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO'S PACIFIC  
AQUACULTURE AND COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER TO CONVENE A  
WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A  
RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF MARINE PROTECTED  
AREAS.

1           WHEREAS, increasing population growth and mounting demands  
2 on natural resources have created a pressing need for the  
3 implementation of sustainable solutions; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in 2005, the Legislature embraced sustainability  
6 as a guiding principle in the future development and land use  
7 management of the Hawaiian Islands when it established the  
8 Hawaii 2050 Task Force; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the native Hawaiian land tenure system recognized  
11 the interconnectedness of island ecosystems whose health was  
12 necessary to the survival of native Hawaiian communities; and  
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14           WHEREAS, conducting research and collecting data on marine  
15 protected areas will provide information that will lead to a  
16 greater understanding of these areas by a wider circle of  
17 stakeholders; now, therefore,  
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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii at  
22 Hilo's Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center convene  
23 a working group of interested stakeholders to examine the  
24 feasibility of establishing a research program to:  
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- 26           (1) Collaborate with the federal government on issues  
27           pertaining to stewardship of aquaculture and marine  
28           protected areas;  
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- 1           (2)    Conduct research and catalogue scientific data on the
- 2                    Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument;
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- 4           (3)    Seek federal funds and grants to support the program;
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- 7           (4)    Consult with experts on native Hawaiian aquaculture
- 8                    and marine ecosystems in areas including fishing
- 9                    practices and ocean and atmospheric conditions; and

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11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

12 to consider which organization is best suited to implement the

13 program; and

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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at

16 Hilo's Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center is

17 requested to submit a report of its findings and

18 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the

19 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of

20 the Regular Session of 2012; and

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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this

23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the

24 University of Hawaii at Hilo's Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal

25 Resources Center.

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OFFERED BY:

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