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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SET ASIDE  
110 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED AT KALAELOA, OAHU, TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR AN AQUACULTURE PARK.

1           WHEREAS, aquaculture, which has been practiced in Hawaii  
2 for centuries, consists of the propagation, cultivation, or  
3 farming of aquatic plants and animals; uses Hawaii's natural  
4 endowments, including brackish water, to raise aquaculture  
5 products, including various algae, shellfish, and finfish  
6 species; and contributes to Hawaii's overall food security while  
7 generating jobs for the citizens of Hawaii; and

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9           WHEREAS, 110 acres of property located at Kalaeloa, Oahu,  
10 identified as tax map key number (1) 9-1-031:001, and currently  
11 under the management of the Department of Land and Natural  
12 Resources can accommodate an aquaculture facility, because it is  
13 flat, neighbors the ocean, and thus has access to a consistent  
14 supply of salt water; and

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16           WHEREAS, development of first-class aquaculture facilities  
17 on this land could generate revenues for the State, provide  
18 opportunities for research or commercial aquaculture activities,  
19 and spur the growth of Hawaii's aquaculture industry; and

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21           WHEREAS, through Act 176, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, the  
22 Legislature authorized the State to lease marine waters for  
23 aquaculture purposes, and so demonstrated the State's commitment  
24 to assisting the growth of the aquaculture industry; and

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26           WHEREAS, in response to the aquaculture industry's growth  
27 and experimentation with new technology, the Department of  
28 Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program offers services to  
29 new and on-going aquaculture businesses; and

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31           WHEREAS, the aquaculture industry is divided into two major  
32 sectors - commercial production and research and technology



1 transfer – with each sector contributing a significant portion  
2 of the total value of the aquaculture industry; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the research and technology transfer sector is  
5 increasingly important because aquaculture is perceived as a  
6 solution to the increased food demands, particularly demands for  
7 protein sources, of a growing global population and because of  
8 the recognition that hastily implemented aquaculture operations  
9 can lead to environmental damage and financial losses; and  
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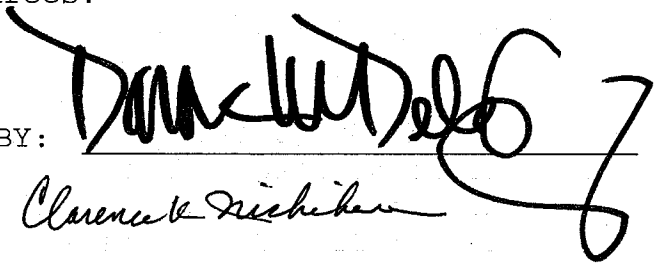

11 WHEREAS, aquaculture is a viable industry in Hawaii, and  
12 aquaculture farmers consistently receive attractive prices for  
13 their products because, among other things, Hawaii residents  
14 demand fresh, high quality seafood products, Hawaii residents  
15 are willing to pay a premium price for fresh seafood, and local  
16 demand for seafood products continues to outpace supply; and  
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18 WHEREAS, many existing Hawaii aquaculture operations are  
19 small-scale, family-operated or medium-sized, owner-operated  
20 businesses that would benefit from improved access to  
21 aquaculture-related resources, such as an aquaculture park that  
22 could accommodate research projects or commercial aquaculture  
23 operations; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is  
28 requested to set aside, pursuant to section 171-11, Hawaii  
29 Revised Statutes, 110 acres of land in Kalaeloa, Oahu,  
30 identified as tax map key number (1) 9-1-031:001, from the  
31 Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of  
32 Agriculture for development as an aquaculture park; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
36 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and Chairperson of the  
37 Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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