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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ONLY THE PURCHASE, SALE, OFFER FOR SALE, TRADE, OR
DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANELY PRODUCED FOIE GRAS.

1 WHEREAS, the general public is becoming increasingly
2 concerned with the methods in which food is produced and animals
3 are kept; and
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5 WHEREAS, animals are increasingly being raised in confined
6 animal feeding operations, or "factory farms", in which
7 efficiency and profit maximization take priority over animal
8 welfare, worker safety, and environmental protection; and
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10 WHEREAS, the production of foie gras usually combines
11 intensive confinement and force feeding of the animals by
12 machine, which results in an extreme form of factory farming not
13 used by any other industry; and
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15 WHEREAS, in some instances, to produce foie gras, waterfowl
16 are confined in small group pens or individual isolation cages
17 and have a long metal pipe inserted into their throat two to
18 three times per day to pump feed weighing twenty per cent of the
19 waterfowl's healthy body weight per day into the waterfowl; and
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21 WHEREAS, this force feeding could result in extreme,
22 unmitigated pain and suffering as well as crippling injuries to
23 the waterfowl, including respiratory distress, locomotive
24 immobility, and a mortality rate that is twenty to thirty per
25 cent higher than waterfowl at ordinary commercial farms; and
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27 WHEREAS, there are humane alternatives to customary foie
28 gras production that use stress-free, non-invasive procedures,
29 including incorporation of cage free housing and hand feeding of
30 the waterfowl, or production of foie gras that coincides with
31 winter migrations when the waterfowl's liver is naturally



1 fattened through increased foraging by the waterfowl; now,
2 therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
7 strongly urges any person or entity who purchases, sells, offers
8 for sale, trades, or distributes foie gras in the State to only
9 purchase, sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute humanely
10 produced foie gras; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
14 who in turn is requested to transmit copies to those engaged in
15 the commercial use, production, or sale of foie gras in the
16 State.
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