
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO RECONSIDER ITS PRACTICE
OF REMOVING TREES WITH HISTORIC VALUE.

1 WHEREAS, a nearly one-hundred year old comose fig tree
2 growing on the grounds of the University of Hawaii at Manoa was
3 recently cut down and removed in preparation for a planned
4 expansion of the Campus Center; and
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6 WHEREAS, the comose fig tree was planted there as part of
7 the heritage collection of trees planted on the Manoa campus by
8 Joseph Rock, the Territory's first botanist and the university's
9 first botany professor; and
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11 WHEREAS, the comose fig tree was one of only a few of its
12 species in the entire State and has been called part of
13 University of Hawaii at Manoa's living history; and
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15 WHEREAS, the original construction plans for the Campus
16 Center expansion accommodated the continued existence of the
17 comose fig tree, but were later revised to require its removal;
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20 WHEREAS, the planned expansion merely involves recreational
21 and not educational or research facilities; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2011, that the University of Hawaii is requested to refrain
26 from removing trees with historic value, by designing new and
27 expanded buildings in a way that will permit preservation of
28 these trees; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
32 Regents of the University of Hawaii and the President of the
33 University of Hawaii.
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