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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
TO CREATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE  
PERPETUATION AND USE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANTS AND  
RESOURCES.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii is the endangered species capital of the  
2 world with over 300 endangered plants; and  
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4           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian plants grown in proper climate  
5 zones thrive with less water, require less fertilizer, and need  
6 less pruning than non-native plants; and  
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8           WHEREAS, growing Native Hawaiian plants helps develop  
9 knowledge of and appreciation for Hawaiian culture and history;  
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12           WHEREAS, state incentives for plant nurseries and other  
13 agricultural organizations to grow and sell native plants would  
14 help promote Native Hawaiian plants and make more of them  
15 available for cultivation, use, and sale; and  
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17           WHEREAS, a thriving native plant and resource production  
18 sector would help to diversify Hawaii's economy; now, therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
23 Agriculture is urged to collaborate with the Department of  
24 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in creating economic  
25 development initiatives for the perpetuation and use of Native  
26 Hawaiian plants and resources; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
29 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature, no later



1 than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2015, on the  
2 progress made concerning the establishment of economic  
3 development initiatives created for the perpetuation and use of  
4 Native Hawaiian plants and resources; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
8 Board of Agriculture and the Director of Business, Economic  
9 Development, and Tourism.

