
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A KEIKI, 'OPIO, AND KUPUNA TRUST FUND AS A MEANS TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE STRONG FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS WHILE SUPPORTING CONSERVATION, REFORESTATION OF HAWAII'S NATIVE TREES, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND ENERGY PRODUCTION, AND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT AND BENEFIT KEIKI, 'OPIO, AND KUPUNA, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ECO-TOURISM PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF HAWAII TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PLANTING NATIVE OR FOOD-BEARING TREES IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
2 conserving and reforesting Hawaii's native trees on public
3 forest lands; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes the importance
6 of developing long-term supports and services, including
7 financing options, that will stave off impoverishment caused by
8 costly health and nursing home care for the elderly; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, a permanent source of dedicated funding is needed
11 for programs that allow keiki to grow up safe, healthy, and
12 ready to succeed; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
15 currently has the administrative ability to accept funding,
16 including federal funds, state funds, and contributions from
17 other parties, to support forest management; and
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- 19 WHEREAS, a trust fund could serve as a repository for funds
20 accepted by the Department and be utilized to purchase and plant
21 native or food-bearing trees that are an investment and legacy
22 for the State and its residents; and
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- 24 WHEREAS, Hawaii's residents should be encouraged to make
25 financial investments through programs that support and benefit



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1 keiki, 'opio, and kupuna, while simultaneously supporting
 2 conservation, reforestation of Hawaii's native trees,
 3 environmental stewardship, and sustainable food and energy
 4 production; now, therefore,


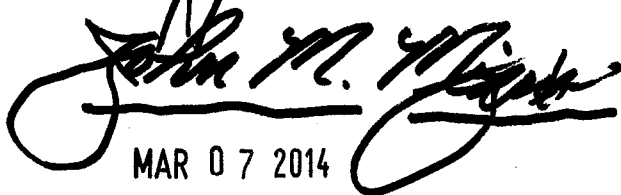
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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 8 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 9 Land and Natural Resources is requested to:

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 11 (1) Study the feasibility of establishing a keiki, 'opio,
 12 and kupuna trust fund as a means to encourage
 13 individuals to make strong financial investments while
 14 supporting conservation, reforestation of Hawaii's
 15 native trees, environmental stewardship, sustainable
 16 food and energy production, and programs that support
 17 and benefit Hawaii's keiki, 'opio, and kupuna; and
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 19 (2) Establish an eco-tourism program that allows visitors
 20 and residents of Hawaii to contribute toward planting
 21 native or food-bearing trees in designated areas
 22 throughout the State; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
 25 submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 26 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 27 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
 31 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:



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