
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EXISTENCE OF SANDALWOOD ON THE MAJOR
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaiians often referred to sandalwood as "iliahii"
2 and sometimes "la'au'ala"; and
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4 WHEREAS, ancient Hawaiians used sandalwood for medicinal
5 purposes as well as to scent kapa, and today sandalwood is often
6 used for carvings, incense, and fragrances; and
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8 WHEREAS, sandalwood was a prime commodity during the early
9 1800s due to its trading value and appeal to foreign visitors;
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12 WHEREAS, while sandalwood was once found in abundance in
13 Hawaii, the global rarity of and demand for this highly valued
14 material has long since depleted Hawaii's sandalwood forest; and
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16 WHEREAS, there is no estimate of the surviving number of
17 sandalwood trees in the Hawaiian Islands or how much sandalwood
18 is harvested each year; and
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20 WHEREAS, currently, Hawaii does not have any established
21 regulations regarding the commercial harvesting of sandalwood;
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24 WHEREAS, competition for Hawaii's valuable land and
25 proliferation of invasive species further threaten the survival
26 of sandalwood in the Hawaiian Islands; and
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28 WHEREAS, without any regulation of the commercial
29 harvesting of sandalwood, it is difficult to ascertain the
30 amount and extent of sandalwood that is being cultivated; and
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1 WHEREAS, without any data regarding the remaining
2 sandalwood in the Hawaiian Islands, it is difficult to determine
3 what effects the removal of sandalwood trees have on the
4 ecosystem and Hawaii's endangered species; 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 conduct a study of
10 sandalwood for each of the major Hawaiian Islands; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
13 Natural Resources is requested to include in its study:
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- 15 (1) Areas in Hawaii suitable for reforestation with
16 sandalwood;
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- 18 (2) The amount of available sandalwood seeds in Hawaii;
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- 21 (3) The amount of sandalwood cultivated in the wild; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
24 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its
25 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
26 legislation, to all legislators by September 30, 2014; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
30 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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