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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS 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 three hundred 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, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is urged to  
23 collaborate with the Department of Business, Economic  
24 Development, and Tourism in creating economic development  
25 initiatives for the perpetuation and use of Native Hawaiian  
26 plants and resources; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
29 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature, not later  
30 than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2015, on the  
31 progress made concerning the establishment of economic



1 development initiatives created for the perpetuation and use of  
2 Native Hawaiian plants and resources; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer and the  
6 Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
7 and the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.  
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