
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Agriculture 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 Department of Agriculture
29 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature, no later
30 than 20 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 Chairperson of the Board of
6 Agriculture and the Director of Business, Economic Development,
7 and Tourism.

