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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO INCORPORATE SUITABLE NATIVE HAWAIIAN  
PLANT SPECIES INTO THE LANDSCAPE OF STATE CONSTRUCTION AND  
REMODELING PROJECTS WHEREVER AND WHENEVER FEASIBLE.

1           WHEREAS, native Hawaiian plants are those that came to the  
2 Hawaiian islands by natural means, such as jet stream air  
3 currents, birds, or ocean currents; and  
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5           WHEREAS, over time, the plants that reached Hawaii,  
6 survived, and reproduced over millions of years, which  
7 culminated in species that were naturally acclimated to the  
8 Hawaii environment; and  
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10           WHEREAS, as Polynesians and others arrived in Hawaii and  
11 brought non-native plants and animals with them, the Hawaii  
12 environment and landscape were significantly altered, at times  
13 disrupting or destroying native Hawaiian plant life; and  
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15           WHEREAS, native Hawaiian plants can beautify facilities and  
16 properties while showcasing unique varieties of native Hawaiian  
17 plants; and  
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19           WHEREAS, some native Hawaiian plants have characteristics  
20 such as drought resistance, which can save precious water  
21 resources when planted in appropriate habitats or landscapes  
22 because they require less irrigation than other landscape  
23 plants; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the use of native Hawaiian plants in landscaping  
26 of state projects can serve multiple purposes of enhancing the  
27 aesthetics of various state facilities, conserving precious  
28 water resources, and promoting the cultivation of flora that is  
29 particularly suited to the unique local environment; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services  
32 manages state buildings and appurtenances, including  
33 landscaping; and



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WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources manages public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is in charge of state highway construction and maintenance, including adjacent plantings of flora; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department of Transportation are requested to incorporate suitable native Hawaiian plant species into the landscape of state construction and remodeling projects wherever and whenever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Director of Transportation.

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