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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING GAME MAMMAL, GAME BIRD, AND FISHING RESOURCES IN  
ORDER TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY AND TO  
PRESERVE LONG STANDING LOCAL AND CULTURAL PRACTICES.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii imports between eighty-five and ninety  
2 percent of its food, and in the event of a natural disaster or  
3 global event that prevents food shipment, Hawaii could face a  
4 devastating food shortage; and

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6           WHEREAS, the practices of fishing and hunting have a long  
7 history in the culture of Hawaii; and

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9           WHEREAS, today, the availability of fresh, locally-caught  
10 fish is a basic expectation in our communities; and

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12           WHEREAS, residents on the island of Molokai receive  
13 approximately forty percent of their daily sustenance from  
14 subsistence sources such as fishing, hunting, and backyard  
15 farming; and

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17           WHEREAS, the residents of the island of Hawaii harvest up  
18 to 1,000,000 pounds of game each year; and

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20           WHEREAS, in 1978, the State of Hawaii held a Constitutional  
21 Convention; and

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23           WHEREAS, a proposal of the 1978 Constitutional Convention  
24 removed the former section 1 of the former Article X, which  
25 read: "Section 1. The legislature shall promote the  
26 conservation, development and utilization of agricultural  
27 resources, and fish, mineral, forest, water, land, game and  
28 other natural resources."; and

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30           WHEREAS, if the amendment is purely stylistic and technical  
31 in nature, and does not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of  
32 any provision of the Constitution, it was approved by the



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1 electorate and has become a part of the revised Constitution;  
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4 WHEREAS, on the other hand, if the amendment alters the  
5 sense, meaning, or effect of any provision of the Constitution,  
6 it was not ratified and is not effective to change the language  
7 of the Constitution; and

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9 WHEREAS, this alteration of the Constitution drastically  
10 changes the sense and meaning of the Constitution, the  
11 sustainability of resources, and the effect on the culture and  
12 practices of the people of Hawaii; and

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14 WHEREAS, game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food  
15 source, and our State's unique relationship with the ocean  
16 allows us the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game  
17 industry into our food security profile; and

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19 WHEREAS, policies on conservation and protection of  
20 terrestrial and marine resources should promote the concept that  
21 game mammals, game birds, and marine resources are an integral  
22 part of our island culture; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that this body  
27 recognizes that pioneered introductions, such as the pig, and  
28 later sustainability introductions, such as goats, sheep, deer,  
29 which are now recognized as game mammal and game bird resources,  
30 should be included among the natural resources recognized by the  
31 Hawaii Constitution; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the  
34 conservation, development and utilization of agricultural  
35 resources, fish, minerals, forests, water, land, game mammals,  
36 game birds, and other natural resources; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges state  
39 departments to develop and update their rules and policies to  
40 integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food  
41 security or sustainability strategies they employ and to  
42 preserve, protect, and promote these industries to nurture them


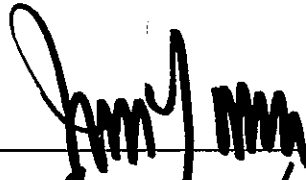
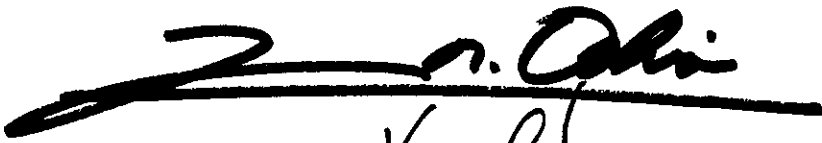
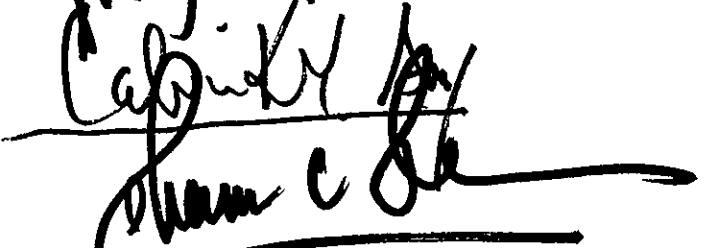
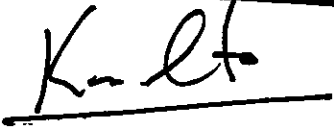
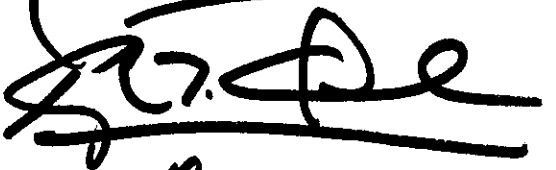
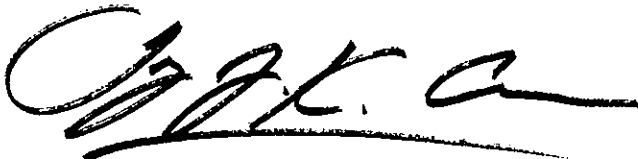

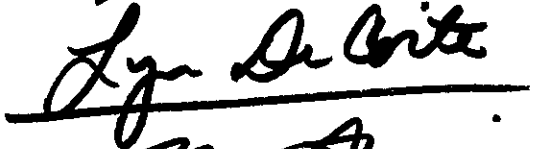
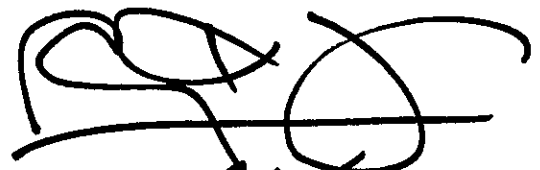





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1 into viable and sustainable economic, nutritional, and cultural  
2 resources; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
6 Board of Agriculture and the Chairperson of the Board of Land  
7 and Natural Resources.  
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