
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE DECLARE 'AWA AS THE
OFFICIAL BEVERAGE OF THE ALOHA STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has designated a state song, flower, gem,
2 tree, land mammal, marine mammal, fish, dance, insect, sport,
3 team sport, and instrument; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has not designated a state beverage even
6 though more than half of the states in the United States have
7 official beverages; and
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9 WHEREAS, the beverage that is designated the official
10 beverage of Hawaii should be one that can serve as an expression
11 of appreciation for the significance of that beverage in the
12 Hawaiian culture; and
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14 WHEREAS, the plant roots of *Piper methysticum* have been
15 used to make the beverage, 'awa, in Hawaii prior to European
16 contact with Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, the best state for cultivating *Piper methysticum*
19 is Hawaii due to the State's sunny, humid conditions, and year-
20 round warm temperatures; and
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22 WHEREAS, the residents of this State, including the kanaka
23 maoli, Hawaii's indigenous peoples, recognize 'awa as an
24 important traditional and cultural beverage; and
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26 WHEREAS, drinking 'awa promotes aloha by eliciting a feeling
27 of relaxed contentedness and aids in discussion and conflict
28 resolution; and
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1 WHEREAS, 'awa symbolizes the environmental, social, and
2 cultural values important to Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is time to formally recognize 'awa's historical
5 and cultural significance to the State and its peoples; now,
6 therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
10 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State Legislature
11 is requested to declare 'awa to be the official beverage of the
12 Aloha State; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
16 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
17 Affairs.
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