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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR ALLOWING  
TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FARMING SYSTEMS ON CONSERVATION LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, in 2015, the State enacted Act 31, Session Laws of  
2 Hawaii 2015, which encouraged, as agricultural objectives of the  
3 State, the growth and development of traditional Hawaiian  
4 farming systems and traditional Hawaiian crops, as well as the  
5 growth and development of small-scale farms; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Hawaii's traditional farming systems, such as loko  
8 i'a (fishponds), māla (cultivated gardens), and lo'i (irrigated  
9 patches), were important agricultural technologies that once  
10 sustained a thriving and robust island community; and  
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12           WHEREAS, traditional Hawaiian farming systems still play a  
13 critical role in Hawaii and should be encouraged to promote  
14 greater self-sufficiency, crop diversity, and food security; and  
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16           WHEREAS, traditional Hawaiian crops like kalo, 'uala (sweet  
17 potato), limu (various seaweeds), 'awa, hō'i'o (large native  
18 fern), and 'olena (turmeric) that were cultivated using these  
19 traditional Hawaiian farming techniques continue to be important  
20 agricultural products for food, medicine, and cultural practices  
21 today; and  
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23           WHEREAS, supporting traditional Hawaiian farming systems is  
24 critical towards helping the State achieve food security and  
25 increasing domestic production of a local food supply; and  
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27           WHEREAS, streamlining the permitting process for loko i'a,  
28 traditional fishponds has had a significant beneficial impact  
29 throughout the islands; and  
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1           WHEREAS, traditional farming and the native Hawaiian  
 2 culture generally play a vital role in preserving and advancing  
 3 the quality of life and cultural vitality of Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the rights of native Hawaiians are codified in  
 6 articles IX and XII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii,  
 7 as well as other state laws and judicial decisions; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has an affirmative obligation  
 10 to ensure that its regulatory actions do not adversely impact  
 11 the constitutionally protected rights of native Hawaiians;  
 12 now, therefore,  
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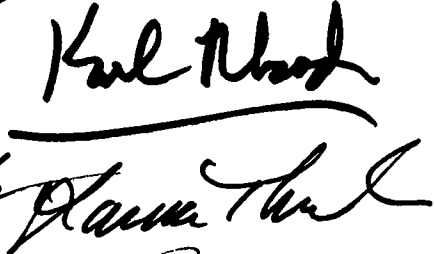
14           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 15 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
 16 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land and  
 17 Natural Resources is urged to adopt administrative rules to  
 18 streamline the process for allowing traditional Hawaiian farming  
 19 systems on conservation lands; and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
 23 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Attorney  
 24 General, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of  
 25 Hawaiian Affairs, and Chairperson of the Environmental Council.  
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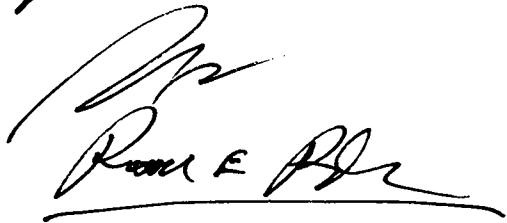
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