
HOUSE RESOLUTION

EMPOWERING RESIDENTS' SOVEREIGNTY OVER GREEN SPACES FOR FOOD
PRODUCTION, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's land use policy currently prohibits in-
2 ground planting and restricts access to underutilized green
3 spaces; and

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5 WHEREAS, there exists a need to empower residents to
6 utilize green spaces for food production, cultural
7 activities, and the development of climate resilient and
8 welcoming natural environments; and

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10 WHEREAS, such utilization of green spaces can enhance
11 community resilience, foster cultural preservation, promote
12 sustainable food systems, and contribute to environmental
13 stewardship; and

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15 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of community-driven
16 initiatives in fostering a sense of ownership and
17 stewardship over local environments; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Legislature recommends
20 the following changes to land use policy:

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22 1. **Repeal Prohibitions on In-Ground Planting:** Amend
23 existing land use regulations to remove prohibitions
24 on in-ground planting within designated green spaces.
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26 2. **Grant Residents Sovereignty Over Green Spaces:**
27 Establish a new policy framework granting residents
28 sovereignty over underutilized green spaces,
29 empowering them to engage in activities such as food
30 production, cultural events, and the development of
31 climate resilient landscapes.
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- 3. **Facilitate Community Engagement and Participation:** Implement mechanisms for community consultation and participation in the management and decision-making processes regarding the use of green spaces, ensuring inclusivity and representation from diverse stakeholders.

- 4. **Promote Sustainable Practices:** Encourage the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, biodiversity conservation efforts, and climate resilient landscaping techniques within green spaces to mitigate environmental impacts and enhance ecosystem health.

- 5. **Support Cultural Preservation and Education:** Foster initiatives that promote the preservation and celebration of indigenous cultures, traditional knowledge, and practices related to land stewardship and food production.

- 6. **Provide Technical and Financial Assistance:** Allocate resources to support residents in accessing technical assistance, funding opportunities, and educational programs aimed at enhancing their capacity to utilize green spaces effectively and sustainably.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Legislature directs relevant governmental agencies and departments to undertake the necessary actions to implement the recommendations outlined in this resolution, in collaboration with community organizations, local stakeholders, and indigenous communities.
; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is urged to create a new land use policy which gives residents sovereignty over these green spaces to grow food, conduct cultural activities, and develop climate resilient and welcoming natural spaces.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, the
3 Hawaii Public Housing Authority, relevant community
4 organizations, and other stakeholders for their
5 consideration and implementation.
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