
HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUIRE
EACH MEMBER TO PLANT AT LEAST ONE FOOD TREE ON STATE LAND.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act establishes the
2 objective of expanding the State's agricultural base by
3 promoting the growth of various agricultural crops and products
4 and increasing Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act also encourages the
7 increased purchase and use of Hawaii-grown food and food
8 products; and
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10 WHEREAS, food trees, which are trees that are cultivated or
11 managed for their edible products, are crucial to meeting these
12 objectives; and
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14 WHEREAS, each food tree planted is a step toward enhancing
15 Hawaii's food security goals; and
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17 WHEREAS, the planting of food trees on state lands can help
18 to increase the productive and efficient use of those lands; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii's elected leaders can set an example for
21 others by actively participating in initiatives that promote
22 locally sourced, sustainable food production; and
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24 WHEREAS, as a starting point, each member of this body
25 should plant at least one food tree on state land, now,
26 therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2024, that the Rules of the House of Representatives
31 shall be amended by inserting a new part XIV to read as follows:
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"PART XIV. OTHER DUTIES OF MEMBERS"

Rule 63. Planting of Food Trees.

Each member shall plant at least one food tree on state land during the term for which the member is elected to the House of Representatives; provided that the member shall obtain prior approval from the appropriate state agency before planting the tree. "Food tree" means a tree that is cultivated or managed for the tree's edible products."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that new House Rule material is underscored; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the formatting of the rule may be changed to conform to the formatting of the most recent version of the Rules of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments made to the Rules of the House of Representatives by this Resolution take effect upon the adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each agency of the State is requested to help identify specific lands located within each state legislative district appropriate for the planting of food trees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, head of each principal state department, and each member of this body.

OFFERED BY:



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