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SENATE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirty-second
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
30 that the Rules of the Senate shall be amended by adding Senate
31 Rule 92, Planting of Food Trees, to read as follows:
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33 "Rule 92. Planting of Food Trees.
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1 Each member shall plant at least one food tree on
 2 state land during the term for which the member is elected
 3 to the Senate; provided that the member shall obtain prior
 4 approval from the appropriate state agency before planting
 5 the tree.

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 7 "Food tree" means a tree that is cultivated or managed
 8 for the tree's edible products."; and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that new Senate Rule material is
 11 underscored; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the formatting of the rule may
 14 be changed to conform to the formatting of the most recent
 15 version of the Rules of the Senate; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments made to the
 18 Rules of the Senate by this Resolution take effect upon the
 19 adoption of this Resolution; and

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

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

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OFFERED BY: 

