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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INCLUDE A SECTION ON  
DESECRATION LAWS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII PLANT AND ANIMAL  
DECLARATION FORM.

1 WHEREAS, section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
2 any passenger, officer, and crew member of an aircraft or vessel  
3 originating from certain areas, such as the continental United  
4 States, and embarking in Hawaii to complete the State of Hawaii  
5 Plant and Animal Declaration Form; and

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration  
8 Form requires the passenger, officer, or crew member to disclose  
9 whether or not they are bringing certain articles, such as  
10 plants and animals, into the State and is used by the Hawaii  
11 Department of Agriculture to ensure compliance with state  
12 importation laws and rules; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration  
15 Form includes information about federal and state laws on  
16 protected, indigenous, endangered, and threatened wildlife; and

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18 WHEREAS, in coordination with the State of Hawaii Plant and  
19 Animal Declaration Form, the digital Akamai Arrival Program can  
20 be an additional media used to facilitate the same functions as  
21 the preceding program once it is fully rolled out; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration  
24 Form also includes the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Domestic  
25 Visitors' Basic Characteristics Survey, which has been a  
26 critical component of the Hawaii Tourism Authority's research  
27 objective of collecting and reporting statistics from domestic  
28 visitors to Hawaii, has been an extremely effective survey  
29 instrument with a tremendous sample size for more than twenty



1 years, and also provides the Hawaii Department of Agriculture  
2 with an additional tool to assist in monitoring and preventing  
3 invasive species from reaching the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, many visitors to Hawaii may be unaware of the  
6 various federal, state, and county laws, rules, and ordinances  
7 that protect public monuments and structures they may visit  
8 while in the State, including but not limited to Native Hawaiian  
9 cultural sites, burial grounds, and places of worship; and  
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11 WHEREAS, individuals required to complete the State of  
12 Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form are a large, captive  
13 audience, making the form an opportune method of also notifying  
14 visitors of the laws against desecration; now, therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
19 Agriculture is requested to include on the State of Hawaii Plant  
20 and Animal Declaration Form, a section to be completed by each  
21 individual required to complete the form to acknowledge and  
22 affirm that the individual:  
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24 (1) Is aware of the existence of various federal, state,  
25 and county laws, rules, and ordinances that protect  
26 public monuments and structures, including but not  
27 limited to Native Hawaiian cultural sites, burial  
28 grounds, and places of worship;  
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30 (2) Is aware of ways to learn more about those laws,  
31 rules, and ordinances;  
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33 (3) That the individual will heed those laws, rules, and  
34 ordinances; and  
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36 (4) Will heed those laws, rules, and ordinances; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once the Akamai Arrival Program  
39 is underway, the intent of this Concurrent Resolution is  
40 requested to be facilitated using the Program; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Regional Director of  
3 the National Park Service for Region 12, Governor, Chairperson  
4 of the Board of Agriculture, President and Chief Executive  
5 Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and Mayor of each  
6 county.

