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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE TO EXPAND COMMUNITY GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the ability to cultivate a garden has been proven
2 to provide health benefits for people of all ages by reducing
3 stress, providing a form of low intensity exercise, and
4 increasing vitamin D production; and

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6 WHEREAS, gardening can serve as a source of organic,
7 healthy, and affordable food options for not only the gardeners,
8 but their friends and family with whom they share their crops;
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11 WHEREAS, cities with large green spaces see a range of
12 social benefits, such as reduction in air pollution, reduced
13 heat, and more abundant wildlife; and

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15 WHEREAS, in a city like Honolulu, where much of Oahu's
16 population resides in condominiums and densely populated
17 neighborhoods, community garden programs can serve as a respite
18 from the loud noise and fast pace of city living; and

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20 WHEREAS, community gardening has become increasingly
21 popular in the City and County of Honolulu, with citizens
22 recognizing the numerous benefits of cultivating their own food
23 and engaging with nature; and

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25 WHEREAS, demand for community garden spaces has rapidly
26 outpaced available supply; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Ala Wai Community Garden exemplifies this
29 popularity, evidenced by its extensive waitlist of over one
30 hundred fifty community members eager to participate in
31 gardening activities and reap the health and wellness benefits
32 it offers; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,



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1 that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to collaborate
2 with the State to expand community gardening opportunities for
3 residents; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
7 Land and Natural Resources and Mayor of the City and County of
8 Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:

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