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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY
GARDEN ON THE EAST LAWN OF THE STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, the State has committed to doubling local food
2 production by 2030; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State needs to utilize as many means as it can
5 to realize this vision; and

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7 WHEREAS, one such avenue is community gardens, which can
8 strengthen community ties and produce substantial amounts of
9 healthy, local produce; and

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11 WHEREAS, the lawn on the east side of the State Capitol,
12 which is located between South Beretania Street and Punchbowl
13 Street, is currently underutilized; and

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15 WHEREAS, the grass there requires significant maintenance,
16 and yet rarely does it ever come into contact with significant
17 numbers of the public, or those who work within the State
18 Capitol itself; and

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20 WHEREAS, it is worthwhile to convert the underutilized lawn
21 into a community garden, which will serve as a piko between the
22 Legislature, aina, and people; and

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24 WHEREAS, by integrating food production and community onto
25 the very grounds of the State Capitol, the Legislature will be
26 re-affirming its commitment to sustainability, community, and
27 transparency; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
31 that the Department of Accounting and General Services and
32 Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to work
33 with the City and County of Honolulu to establish a community
34 garden on the east lawn of the State Capitol; and



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

OFFERED BY:

