
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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5 URGING THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS OF POI TO PRODUCE POI WITH
6 LESS WATER CONTENT.

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8 WHEREAS, poi is a staple food of Hawaii made from the corm
9 of the taro; and

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11 WHEREAS, although taro is eaten around the world, only
12 Hawaiians pound taro into poi, a food which has enormous
13 cultural and historical significance for the people of our
14 state; and

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16 WHEREAS, in addition to its significance as a cultural and
17 historical linchpin of traditional Hawaiian society, poi also
18 represents an important part of a healthy diet for Hawaiians and
19 other ethnic groups; and

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21 WHEREAS, the consistency of poi is measured by the number
22 of fingers it takes to eat the poi; and

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24 WHEREAS, many consumers of poi prefer "two finger" poi,
25 which implies a dense, thicker serving of poi; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Legislature has found strong anecdotal
28 evidence from consumers that the consistency of poi sold in bags
29 has become watery over the years, resulting in a dilution of the
30 taste and the health benefits of poi; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
34 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the
35 major commercial producers of poi to produce poi with less water
36 content; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 concurrent resolution be transmitted to the major producers of
3 commercial poi, including the owners of Haleiwa Poi Inc.,
4 Hanalei Poi Company, HPC Foods, Limited, and Pueo Poi Company.
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