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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN
RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF PLANTING KALO IN THE REFLECTING POOL THAT
SURROUNDS THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

1 WHEREAS, kalo (*colocasia esculenta*), or in English, taro,
2 is a central part of the Hawaiian culture, as it is considered
3 sacred and a part of the Hawaiian genealogy; and
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5 WHEREAS, kalo is also an important source of food in
6 Hawaiian culture; and
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8 WHEREAS, the State Capitol grounds is a gathering place for
9 visitors, as well as residents from across the State; and
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11 WHEREAS, the architectural design of the State Capitol
12 building symbolizes unique aspects of this State: the eight
13 columns along the front and back of the building represent the
14 State's major islands, the sloping walls of the House and Senate
15 chambers represent the volcanoes, and the columns rising out of
16 the reflecting pools represent palm trees; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 2007, kalo was designated by law as the
19 official plant of the State; and
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21 WHEREAS, despite its cultural importance and the abundance
22 of other symbolic representations at the State Capitol building,
23 kalo is not present; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
27 that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture
28 and Human Resources, is requested to study in consultation with
29 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the feasibility of planting kalo
30 in the reflecting pools that surround the State Capitol
31 building; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to this body no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Hawaii, Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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