
HOUSE 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 House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2009, that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical
28 Agriculture and Human Resources, is requested to study in
29 consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the
30 feasibility of planting kalo in the reflecting pools that
31 surround the State Capitol building; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the College of Tropical
 2 Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii is
 3 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations
 4 to this body no later than twenty days prior to the Regular
 5 Session of 2010; and

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

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