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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDSCAPING.

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#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 The legislature finds that Hawaii's unique, 2 native, land plants contribute to the beauty of the island 3 They foster an understanding, appreciation, and respect for Hawaiian history and culture. To ensure the continued 4 5 perpetuation of native Hawaiian land plants, public and private 6 entities must work together. 7 The purpose of this Act is to promote and use native 8 Hawaiian land plants in state and county landscaping projects. 9 SECTION 2. Section 103D-408, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 10 amended to read as follows: 11 "[{]\$103D-408[{]} [Indigenous and Polynesian introduced] 12 Native Hawaiian land plants; use in public landscaping[-], 13 highway beautification, and road projects. (a) [Wherever and 14 whenever feasible, all All plans, designs, and specifications for new or renovated landscaping of any building, complex of 15 buildings, facility, complex of facilities, [or] housing, or 16 17 highway beautification and road construction and improvement projects developed by the State, counties, or any political 18

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- 2 land plant species as defined in section 195D-2, and plant
- 3 species brought to Hawaii by Polynesians before European
- 4 contact, such as the kukui, noni, and coconut; ] native Hawaiian
- 5 land plants; provided that:
- 6 (1) Suitable cultivated plants can be made available for
- this purpose without jeopardizing wild plants in their
- 8 natural habitat; and
- 9 (2) Wherever and whenever possible, [indigenous] native
- 10 Hawaiian land plants shall be used for landscaping on
- the island or islands on which the species originated.
- 12 (b) A minimum of per cent of a public landscaping
- 13 project shall consist of native Hawaiian land plants.
- 14 [\(\frac{(b)}{}\)] (c) Each plant or group of plants used pursuant to
- 15 subsection (a) shall be clearly identified with signs for the
- 16 edification of the general public.
- 17 (d) To implement this section, the department of land and
- 18 natural resources shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to
- 19 establish a list of native Hawaiian land plants; provided that
- 20 the department of land and natural resources may, at its
- 21 discretion, include land plants that are not native to Hawaii on
- 22 the list."

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- 1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

## S.B. NO. 2369

### Report Title:

Native Hawaiian Land Plants; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Public Landscaping; Highways; Roads

### Description:

Requires all public landscaping, highway beautification, and road construction and improvement projects to include native Hawaiian land plants, as determined by DLNR.

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