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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO STREAMLINE THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.

1 WHEREAS, repair of many Hawaiian fishponds may require
2 permits from the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
3 Department of Health, Office of Planning, and federal and county
4 governments; and

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6 WHEREAS, the existing regulations and permit requirements
7 preclude community organizations and Native Hawaiian
8 aquaculturalists from repairing and maintaining Hawaiian
9 fishponds; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State has the ability to streamline the permit
12 process and promote interagency cooperation to facilitate
13 restoration and leasing of fishponds to cultural and familial
14 descendants; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State has not led a comprehensive initiative
17 to streamline the permit process for restoration of Hawaiian
18 fishponds in over thirty years; and

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20 WHEREAS, the restoration and reuse of *loko i'a* provide an
21 opportunity to increase supplies of certain fish which will make
22 Hawaii more food-secure and increase sustainable economic
23 development opportunities for rural communities; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
27 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of
28 Health, and Office of Planning are urged to streamline the
29 permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds;
30 and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
33 Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning,
34 in collaboration with community organizations and Native



Hawaiian aquaculturalists, consider the following to facilitate restoration of Hawaiian fishponds:

- (1) A master conservation district use application for Hawaiian fishponds;
- (2) A coastal zone management program consistency statement for Hawaiian fishponds;
- (3) Water quality certification for Hawaiian fishponds;
- (4) A national pollution discharge elimination system general permit for Hawaiian fishponds; and
- (5) Administrative rules to be applied consistently throughout the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning are requested to submit their recommendations and draft legislation for a streamlined permit process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director of Health, and Director of the Office of Planning.

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