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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
HONOLULU TO LANDSCAPE HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND ROADS BY  
PLANTING MORE TREES.

1 WHEREAS, trees are essential to a healthy environment for  
2 Hawaii, and increasing the number of trees planted in Hawaii  
3 would improve Hawaii's natural beauty and provide other needed  
4 benefits; and

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6 WHEREAS, trees supply oxygen in the air we breathe and keep  
7 the air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide; and

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9 WHEREAS, trees provide shade and shelter, reducing annual  
10 heating and cooling costs in the United States by  
11 \$2,100,000,000; and

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13 WHEREAS, tree roots stabilize the soil, prevent soil  
14 erosion, support the capture and conservation of our water  
15 supply, and help remediate pollutants; and

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17 WHEREAS, trees cut down on noise pollution by acting as  
18 sound barriers; and

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20 WHEREAS, trees lower air temperatures by evaporating water  
21 from their leaves; and

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23 WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Hawaii successfully planted  
24 1,200,000 trees for the "A Million Trees of Aloha" initiative;  
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27 WHEREAS, the concept of "Green Hawaii" is to landscape  
28 Hawaii's highways and roads by planting more trees; and

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30 WHEREAS, Hawaii's visitor industry markets Hawaii as a  
31 "Tropical Wonderland"; and



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2 WHEREAS, many visitors to Hawaii expect a clean, green, and  
3 beautiful Hawaii with lush greenery; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the lush beauty of Hawaii should be promoted,  
6 preserved, and perpetuated as a unique visitor experience; and  
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8 WHEREAS, tourism is the primary economic driver of the  
9 State's economy; and  
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11 WHEREAS, green landscapes enhance the visual impact of the  
12 tourist experience; and  
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14 WHEREAS, landscaping is an integral part of our culture and  
15 plays an essential role in the quality of our environment,  
16 affecting our economic well-being and our physical and  
17 psychological health; and  
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19 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to improve the  
20 economic well-being and physical and psychological health of its  
21 citizens if we are to keep our communities strong and  
22 prosperous; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the reputation of Hawaii as a paradise is vital to  
25 the State's tourism industry and in turn the State's economy;  
26 now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the State  
31 Department of Transportation and the Department of  
32 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu are  
33 urged to landscape Hawaii's public highways and roads by  
34 planting more trees; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Director of  
3 Transportation and Director of Transportation Services of the  
4 City and County of Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY:

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