
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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33 WHEREAS, many visitors to Hawaii expect a clean, green, and
34 beautiful Hawaii with lush greenery; and



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



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