
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO INTEGRATE HAWAII'S INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS AND TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FARMING PRACTICES INTO THE STATE'S GOAL OF DOUBLING FOOD PRODUCTION BY 2020.

1 WHEREAS, the Aloha+ Challenge, launched in 2014, is a
2 statewide sustainability initiative led by the Governor, Mayors,
3 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Legislature, and Hawaii Green Growth
4 public-private partners across the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Aloha+ Challenge identified six ambitious,
7 high-level goals to be achieved by 2030 for clean energy, local
8 food, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart
9 sustainable communities, and green workforce and education
10 initiatives; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Governor announced at the 2016 International
13 Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress
14 that the State's goal is to double local food production by
15 2020; and
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17 WHEREAS, the State's local food production goal reflects
18 the goals expressed by kalo practitioners, including those who
19 participated in the Taro Security and Purity Task Force's 2010
20 legislative report *E ola hou ke kalo; ho'i hou ka 'āina lē'ia:*
21 *The taro lives; abundance returns to the land*, which emphasized
22 the need to invest in traditional farming and crops to
23 perpetuate local culture and to support disaster preparedness
24 and food security in the State; and
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26 WHEREAS, traditional Hawaiian farming and natural resource
27 management practices have been shown to have significant net
28 benefits across the ahupua'a system from watershed forests to
29 reef systems; and



1 WHEREAS, in 2015, the State Planning Act was updated to
2 add the growth and development of traditional Hawaiian farming
3 systems, such as the use of loko i'a, dryland māla, and irrigated
4 lo'i, and traditional Hawaiian crops, such as kalo, 'uala, and
5 'ulu, as well as the growth and development of small-scale farms,
6 as agricultural objectives of the State; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
11 Natural Resources with the assistance of the Department of
12 Agriculture is requested to establish a working group to
13 integrate the State's indigenous food systems and traditional
14 Hawaiian farming practices into the State's goal of doubling
15 food production by 2020; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Land and Natural Resources shall serve as chairperson of the
19 working group and shall select members for the working group;
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
23 to:
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- 25 (1) Consult with practitioners, researchers, and
26 stakeholders to define and identify indigenous food
27 systems and traditional Hawaiian farming practices
28 that can be integrated into the State's goal of
29 doubling food production by 2020;
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- 31 (2) Clearly articulate and delineate the practices and
32 methods that constitute traditional Hawaiian farming
33 practices;
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- 35 (3) Analyze pre-historical traditional Hawaiian farming
36 methods, the distribution of agricultural forms, and
37 the adverse effects of contemporary land zoning on
38 traditional Hawaiian farming areas; and
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- 40 (4) Suggest improvements to streamline or ease regulatory
41 processes to increase production of traditional
42 Hawaiian foods and to assist small-scale indigenous



farming activities that support beneficial ecosystem uses and healthy ahupua'a systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the working group shall not receive compensation for their services, and no member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a member of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture is requested to provide administrative support to the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture, is requested to submit a report of the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

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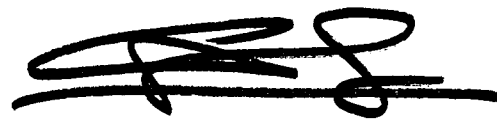
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