
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION ECONOMY
AND REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF A CONSERVATION ECONOMY FROM
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

1 WHEREAS, a conservation economy is one where economic
2 wealth is harvested from a bioregion's natural resources in a
3 way that meets local communities' needs and does not lessen the
4 natural and social capital of the bioregion; and
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6 WHEREAS, one of the guiding principles of the conservation
7 economy is the protection of everything that makes our world:
8 land, oceans, living beings, diverse cultures, communities; and
9 understanding that there are finite resources that must be
10 carefully stewarded to ensure a more livable Earth for future
11 generations; and
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13 WHEREAS, we live in a time of tremendous change, the extent
14 of which is the subject of intense debate around the world, and
15 at the heart of this debate is the clash between the immediate
16 human need for food and water and the current human practices
17 that have had a negative long-term impact on the land and
18 water's capacity to support life, livelihoods, and heritage,
19 including traditional indigenous subsistence living; and
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21 WHEREAS, population growth and the increasing migration of
22 people across the country strains each state's biodiversity and
23 land and water resources, resulting in a sense of urgency to
24 understand these actions affect storm water run-off, rain
25 acidity, wastewater, and fish farm preservation; and
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27 WHEREAS, natural resource management, which monitors
28 natural resources and integrates factors such as innovative
29 science, sustainability practices, and traditional cultural
30 knowledge through collaboration between all sectors, has been
31 embraced in order to ensure food security, economic security,
32 and the well-being of communities; and



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2 WHEREAS, there is a growing need and demand for new
3 partnerships to be established across the country between state
4 agencies, non-governmental organizations, conservationists,
5 scientists, consumers, producers, urban planners, entrepreneurs,
6 grassroots and indigenous organizations, and financiers in order
7 to promote better management of natural resources through
8 social, financial, technological, and environmentally friendly
9 solutions; and

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11 WHEREAS, collectively, partnerships have the capacity to
12 achieve environmental, social, and economic prosperity for
13 future generations by advancing knowledge of nature's ecosystems
14 and improving environmental stewardship through the traditions
15 and customs of indigenous people, which embody mutual respect
16 for one another and a commitment of service to the natural
17 world; and

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19 WHEREAS, our nation's economy, future, and heritage, and
20 the perpetuation of the health and well-being of its people, are
21 inextricably intertwined with the health and well-being of the
22 natural environment; and

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24 WHEREAS, technology such as wireless devices, advanced
25 satellite monitoring, embedded microprocessors, weather
26 stations, drones, and data-collecting robots help to develop
27 natural resource management solutions; and

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29 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that enduring conservation
30 economies are made up of small and medium-sized business owners
31 or "conservation entrepreneurs", in addition to social
32 entrepreneurs who embrace a conservation ethic and take an
33 interest in maintaining and nurturing ecosystems that contribute
34 to the health and well-being of communities across our nation;
35 now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
39 of 2018, that this body recognizes the importance of embracing
40 values and practices that better manage natural resources and
41 the nation's diverse bioregional economies; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages public and
2 private sector businesses to aggressively seek new technologies
3 and develop an educated workforce in order to promote better
4 natural resource management; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the
7 conservation economy as an emerging industry and encourages the
8 United States Congress to support businesses and initiatives
9 that grow the conservation economy; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, each member of
13 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Majority Leader and
14 Secretary of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and Clerk
15 of the United States House of Representatives.
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