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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE YEAR 2022 BE DESIGNATED AS THE YEAR OF THE  
LIMU.

1           WHEREAS, limu is a crucial part of a healthy and productive  
2 reef ecosystem; and

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4           WHEREAS, limu is the primary producer and, therefore, the  
5 base of the nearshore marine food chain; and

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7           WHEREAS, limu is a key indicator of the health and  
8 resilience of an ahupua'a; and

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10          WHEREAS, limu was once the third important component, along  
11 with fish and poi, of the traditional Native Hawaiian diet; and

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13          WHEREAS, in the past, limu was used not only for food but  
14 also for medicinal purposes as well as for religious and  
15 cultural ceremonies; and

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17          WHEREAS, much limu-based cultural knowledge has been lost  
18 over many generations due to a lack of knowledge and awareness  
19 of limu's significance; and

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21          WHEREAS, there has been a steep decline of limu throughout  
22 the State and a correlating decline in the amount of nearshore  
23 fish; and

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25          WHEREAS, the lack of knowledge and awareness about limu  
26 hinders any work or effort to increase Hawaii's population of  
27 nearshore fish; and

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29          WHEREAS, recapturing, retaining, and sharing cultural and  
30 environmental knowledge about limu will benefit nearshore



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1 fisheries and all the people of Hawaii for many generations;  
2 now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the year 2022 be declared  
7 the Year of the Limu; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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OFFERED BY:



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