
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND COUNTY MAYORS TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER
DIALOGUE AND CONVENING OF EFFORTS THROUGHOUT ALL SECTORS OF
HAWAII TO PROACTIVELY DEVELOP NEW INITIATIVES THAT
STRENGTHEN 'ĀINA-BASED ASSETS TOWARD A MORE THRIVING HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a place of abundance and when the
2 community reconnects to place in the work that it does, the
3 community moves Hawaii toward a state that can sustainably
4 thrive; and

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6 WHEREAS, one interpretation of 'āina means "that which
7 feeds," and Hawaii has thrived for many generations through the
8 understanding and practice of *he ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke*
9 *kanaka* - that the land is a chief and we are its stewards;
10 therefore, we have a responsibility to uplift and care for this
11 place in which we live; and

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13 WHEREAS, an 'āina-based values mindset is driven by the
14 fundamental premise that our well-being is inextricably tied to
15 the well-being of the 'āina and that by nurturing the earth, we
16 nurture ourselves; and

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18 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
19 has shown that caring for place and one another is more critical
20 than ever; despite its challenges to ourselves and the
21 community, the COVID-19 pandemic has given us a glimpse of a
22 future ripe with new possibilities, where the reciprocal
23 relationship with 'āina is fundamental to Hawaii's social,
24 economic, and environmental recovery and resiliency; and

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26 WHEREAS, further exploring and expanding these
27 possibilities requires the collaboration of many voices and the
28 co-development of solutions grounded in principles of respect,
29 resiliency, and responsibility; and

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31 WHEREAS, the generation for solutions for our social,
32 economic, and environmental recovery and resiliency are based on



1 our ability to recognize the opportunities that come with new
2 challenges and to nurture the confluence of this collective
3 thought and practice that can lead toward the strengthening of
4 our foundations and development of innovations that empower all;
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7 WHEREAS, this body acknowledges the foundational importance
8 of 'āina-based values and desire to expand this mindset to all
9 sectors of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
13 that this body supports the adoption of 'āina-based values to
14 guide Hawaii to a healthy and thriving future; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the efforts
17 of community organizations working together to expand 'āina-based
18 values across all sectors of society and to proactively develop
19 new initiatives in the State; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Governor
22 and county mayors to support and further dialogue and convening
23 of efforts throughout all sectors of Hawaii to proactively
24 develop new initiatives that strengthen 'āina-based assets toward
25 a more thriving Hawaii; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the interest of the
28 State to support and further dialogue and convening of entities
29 within all sectors of Hawaii to proactively develop new
30 initiatives that strengthen 'āina-based assets toward a more
31 thriving Hawaii; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and county mayors.

