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SENATE 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
31 fisheries and all the people of Hawaii for many generations;
32 now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
3 that the year 2022 be declared the Year of the Limu; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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OFFERED BY:

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