
SENATE CONCURRENT 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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 2 WHEREAS, the generation for solutions for our social,
 3 economic, and environmental recovery and resiliency are based on
 4 our ability to recognize the opportunities that come with new
 5 challenges and to nurture the confluence of this collective
 6 thought and practice that can lead toward the strengthening of
 7 our foundations and development of innovations that empower all;
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 10 WHEREAS, this body acknowledges the foundational importance
 11 of ‘āina-based values and desire to expand this mindset to all
 12 sectors of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
 15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
 16 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports the
 17 adoption of ‘āina-based values to guide Hawaii to a healthy and
 18 thriving future; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the efforts
 21 of community organizations working together to expand ‘āina-based
 22 values across all sectors of society and to proactively develop
 23 new initiatives in the State; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Governor
 26 and county mayors to support and further dialogue and convening
 27 of efforts throughout all sectors of Hawaii to proactively
 28 develop new initiatives that strengthen ‘āina-based assets toward
 29 a more thriving Hawaii; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the interest of the
 32 State to support and further dialogue and convening of entities
 33 within all sectors of Hawaii to proactively develop new
 34 initiatives that strengthen ‘āina-based assets toward a more
 35 thriving Hawaii; and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and county
 39 mayors.

