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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING AND SUPPORTING 'ĀINA-BASED VALUES TO GUIDE HAWAII TO A
HEALTHY AND THRIVING FUTURE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i'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
33 our ability to recognize the opportunities that come with new



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1 challenges and to nurture the confluence of this collective
2 thought and practice that can lead toward the strengthening of
3 our foundations and development of innovations that empower all;
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6 WHEREAS, this body acknowledges the foundational importance
7 of 'āina-based values and desire to expand this mindset to all
8 sectors of Hawai'i; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
12 that this body supports the adoption of 'āina-based values to
13 guide Hawai'i to a healthy and thriving future; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the efforts
16 of community organizations working together to expand 'āina-based
17 values across all sectors of society and to proactively develop
18 new initiatives in the State; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the interest of the
21 State to support further dialogue and convening of entities
22 within all sectors of Hawai'i to proactively develop new
23 initiatives that strengthen 'āina-based assets toward a more
24 thriving Hawai'i; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and county mayors.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

