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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REQUIRE ALL CERTIFIED ARBORISTS IN ITS EMPLOY TO ADHERE TO INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, trees are essential for improving soil health and  
2 building climate resiliency; and

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4 WHEREAS, trees absorb carbon dioxide and supply oxygen,  
5 lower air temperatures, provide shade and shelter, stabilize  
6 soil, prevent soil erosion, support the capture and conservation  
7 of the State's water supply, help remediate pollutants, and cut  
8 down on noise pollution by acting as sound barriers; and

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10 WHEREAS, the standards and best practices of the tree care  
11 industry not only reflect the knowledge of specialists in the  
12 field and the latest in research findings, but also raise the  
13 level of professionalism and public confidence in the field of  
14 tree care; and

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16 WHEREAS, certified arborists, or professional individuals  
17 who are equipped to plant, prune, transplant, fertilize, monitor  
18 and treat for insects and diseases, and remove trees and other  
19 woody plants, have an obligation to perform work that meets  
20 these industry standards and best practices; and

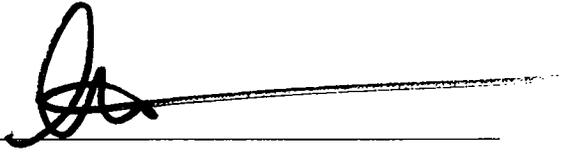
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22 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 26-15, Hawaii Revised  
23 Statutes, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the  
24 duty to manage and administer the public lands of the State,  
25 including the soil conservation function and all activities on  
26 and within the forests, forest reserves, and state parks, and to  
27 promote the conservation, development, and utilization of  
28 forests, including forest reserves; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
32 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to  
33 require all certified arborists in its employ to adhere to  
34 industry best practices; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
3 Land and Natural Resources.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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