
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EMPOWERING RESIDENTS' SOVEREIGNTY OVER GREEN SPACES FOR FOOD
PRODUCTION, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's land use policy currently prohibits in-
2 ground planting and restricts access to underutilized green
3 spaces; and
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5 WHEREAS, there exists a need to empower residents to
6 utilize green spaces for food production, cultural
7 activities, and the development of climate resilient and
8 welcoming natural environments; and
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10 WHEREAS, such utilization of green spaces can enhance
11 community resilience, foster cultural preservation, promote
12 sustainable food systems, and contribute to environmental
13 stewardship; and
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15 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of community-driven
16 initiatives in fostering a sense of ownership and
17 stewardship over local environments; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawaii State Legislature
20 recommends that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority make
21 the following changes to land use policy:
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- 23 1. **Repeal Prohibitions on In-Ground Planting:** Amend
24 existing land use regulations to remove prohibitions
25 on in-ground planting within designated green spaces.
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- 27 2. **Grant Residents Sovereignty Over Green Spaces:**
28 Establish a new policy framework granting residents
29 sovereignty over underutilized green spaces,
30 empowering them to engage in activities such as food
31 production, cultural events, and the development of



1 climate resilient landscapes.

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3 **3. Facilitate Community Engagement and Participation:**

4 Implement mechanisms for community consultation and
5 participation in the management and decision-making
6 processes regarding the use of green spaces, ensuring
7 inclusivity and representation from diverse
8 stakeholders.

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10 **4. Promote Sustainable Practices:** Encourage the adoption
11 of sustainable agricultural practices, biodiversity
12 conservation efforts, and climate resilient
13 landscaping techniques within green spaces to mitigate
14 environmental impacts and enhance ecosystem health.

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16 **5. Support Cultural Preservation and Education:** Foster
17 initiatives that promote the preservation and
18 celebration of indigenous cultures, traditional
19 knowledge, and practices related to land stewardship
20 and food production.

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22 **6. Provide Technical and Financial Assistance:** Allocate
23 resources to support residents in accessing technical
24 assistance, funding opportunities, and educational
25 programs aimed at enhancing their capacity to utilize
26 green spaces effectively and sustainably.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Legislature
29 directs relevant governmental agencies and departments to
30 undertake the necessary actions to implement the
31 recommendations outlined in this resolution, in
32 collaboration with community organizations, local
33 stakeholders, and indigenous communities.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of
36 the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii,
37 Regular Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the
38 Hawaii Public Housing Authority is urged to create a new
39 land use policy which gives residents sovereignty over
40 these green spaces to grow food, conduct cultural
41 activities, and develop climate resilient and welcoming
42 natural spaces.

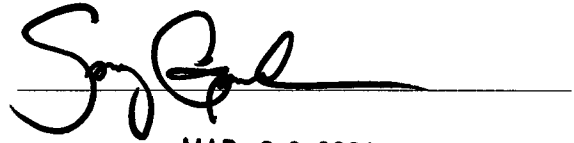


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, relevant state agencies, local governments, community organizations, and other stakeholders for their consideration and implementation.

OFFERED BY:



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