
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CREATE GREEN SPACES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE; CONSIDER ACTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR IN-GROUND PLANTING, RESIDENT USE OF GREEN SPACES, FACILITATED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT LANDSCAPES; AND CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's policies
2 prohibit in-ground planting and restrict access to underutilized
3 green spaces; and

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5 WHEREAS, public housing residents should be empowered to
6 utilize green spaces for food production, cultural activities,
7 and the development of climate-resilient and welcoming natural
8 spaces; 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, this body recognizes the importance of community-
16 driven initiatives in fostering a sense of ownership and
17 stewardship over local environments; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Public
22 Housing Authority is encouraged to create green spaces for food
23 production, cultural activities, and climate resilience;
24 consider actions that allow for in-ground planting, resident use
25 of green spaces, facilitated community engagement, sustainable



1 agriculture, and climate-resilient landscapes; and consider the
2 provision of technical and financial assistance; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing
5 Authority is requested to undertake the necessary actions to
6 implement the recommendations outlined in this measure, in
7 collaboration with community organizations, local stakeholders,
8 project residents, and indigenous communities; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing
11 Authority is urged to create opportunities for residents to use
12 green spaces to grow food, conduct cultural activities, and
13 develop climate-resilient and welcoming natural spaces; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
17 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Executive Director of
18 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; University of Hawaii at
19 Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
20 Cooperative Extension; Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and
21 Adaptation Commission; and county boards or departments of
22 water.

