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# HOUSE 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, that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is  
22 encouraged to create green spaces for food production, cultural  
23 activities, and climate resilience; consider actions that allow  
24 for in-ground planting, resident use of green spaces,  
25 facilitated community engagement, sustainable agriculture, and  
26 climate-resilient landscapes; and consider the provision of  
27 technical and financial assistance; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing  
2 Authority is requested to undertake the necessary actions to  
3 implement the recommendations outlined in this measure, in  
4 collaboration with community organizations, local stakeholders,  
5 project residents, and indigenous communities; and

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

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

