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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT  
NATIVE PLANT SEEDING PROJECTS IN MILILANI MAUKA TO RESTORE  
THE ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE FROM THE NOVEMBER WILDFIRES.

1           WHEREAS, plants native to Hawaii are essential to a  
2 sustainable ecosystem because many are drought-tolerant and  
3 require less maintenance through fertilizing and pruning; and  
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5           WHEREAS, planting native species helps maintain and  
6 preserve the critical biodiversity that makes Hawaii unique; and  
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8           WHEREAS, non-native grasses and shrubs are highly flammable  
9 and perpetuate devastating wildfires; and  
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11           WHEREAS, non-native plants such as grasses and shrub that  
12 have been introduced into the island ecosystem are accustomed to  
13 wildfires and easily reoccupy lands that have been recently  
14 scorched by wildfires; and  
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16           WHEREAS, in November of last year wildfires damaged 2.5  
17 square miles of the critical ecosystem in Mililani Mauka,  
18 including the Oahu Forest National Wildlife Refuge and Koolau  
19 Mountains; and  
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21           WHEREAS, Mililani Mauka's impacted lands featured a native  
22 forest of koa trees, uluhe fern, and twenty-two federally  
23 designated endangered or threatened species that will be  
24 vulnerable to invasive species takeover during ecosystem  
25 recovery; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
29 Session of 2024, that the Department of Land and Natural  
30 Resources initiate a project to implement native plant seeding  
31 on the lands impacted by the November wildfires in Mililani



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1 Mauka to protect the area from the threat of similar devastation  
2 in the future; and

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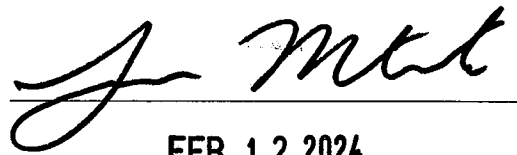
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildfire, and Administrator of the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement.

OFFERED BY:



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