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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH  
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY  
GARDEN ON THE EAST LAWN OF THE STATE CAPITOL.

1           WHEREAS, the State has committed to doubling local food  
2 production by 2030; and

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4           WHEREAS, the State needs to utilize as many means as it can  
5 to realize this vision; and

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7           WHEREAS, one such avenue is community gardens, which can  
8 strengthen community ties and produce substantial amounts of  
9 healthy, local produce; and

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11           WHEREAS, the lawn on the east side of the State Capitol,  
12 which is located between South Beretania Street and Punchbowl  
13 Street, is currently underutilized; and

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15           WHEREAS, the grass there requires significant maintenance,  
16 and yet rarely does it ever come into contact with significant  
17 numbers of the public, or those who work within the State  
18 Capitol itself; and

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20           WHEREAS, it is worthwhile to convert the underutilized lawn  
21 into a community garden, which will serve as a piko between the  
22 Legislature, aina, and people; and

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24           WHEREAS, by integrating food production and community onto  
25 the very grounds of the State Capitol, the Legislature will be  
26 re-affirming its commitment to sustainability, community, and  
27 transparency; now, therefore,

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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of



# S.C.R. NO. 210

1 Accounting and General Services and Department of Land and  
2 Natural Resources is requested to work with the City and County  
3 of Honolulu to establish a community garden on the east lawn of  
4 the State Capitol; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller,  
8 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and  
9 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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