
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REQUIRE
ALL CERTIFIED ARBORISTS IN ITS EMPLOY, INCLUDING
CONTRACTORS, TO ADHERE TO INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, trees are essential for improving soil health and
2 building climate resiliency; and

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4 WHEREAS, trees absorb carbon dioxide and supply oxygen,
5 lower air temperatures, provide shade and shelter, stabilize
6 soil, prevent soil erosion, support the capture and conservation
7 of the State's water supply, help remediate pollutants, and cut
8 down on noise pollution by acting as sound barriers; and

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10 WHEREAS, the standards and best practices of the tree care
11 industry not only reflect the knowledge of specialists in the
12 field and the latest in research findings, but also raise the
13 level of professionalism and public confidence in the field of
14 tree care; and

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16 WHEREAS, certified arborists, or professional individuals
17 who are equipped to plant, prune, transplant, fertilize, monitor
18 and treat for insects and diseases, and remove trees and other
19 woody plants, have an obligation to perform work that meets
20 these industry standards and best practices; and

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22 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 26-15, Hawaii Revised
23 Statutes, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the
24 duty to manage and administer the public lands of the State,
25 including the soil conservation function and all activities on
26 and within the forests, forest reserves, and state parks, and to
27 promote the conservation, development, and utilization of
28 forests, including forest reserves; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
2 and Natural Resources is urged to require all certified
3 arborists in its employ, including contractors, to adhere to
4 industry best practices; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purposes of this
7 Resolution, "best practices" means adherence to the American
8 National Standards Institute A300 Tree Care standards; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

