
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT GREEN FIRE BREAKS IN WEST OAHU TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF WILDFIRES.

1 WHEREAS, non-native grasses and shrubs are highly flammable
2 and increase the risk of wildfires; and

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4 WHEREAS, native plants have higher moisture content and
5 slower burn rates than invasive species; and

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7 WHEREAS, green fire breaks use natural ecology and
8 resilient plants to stop the spread of wildfires; and

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10 WHEREAS, planting fire-resistant vegetation in green fire
11 breaks make communities more resilient and prepared for
12 emergencies; and

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14 WHEREAS, green fire breaks create buffer zones that slow
15 the spread of wildfires and allow more time for emergency
16 responders to react to hazardous conditions, residents to
17 evacuate safely, and necessary warnings to be disseminated; and

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19 WHEREAS, West Oahu is particularly vulnerable to wildfires
20 because of the dry weather patterns, encroaching urban
21 developments, and geographic conditions of steep slopes and non-
22 native plant life; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Statewide Geographic Information System
25 Program identifies West Oahu and the Leeward region as having a
26 high fire risk rating; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2025, the Senate concurring, the Department of Land and



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1 Natural Resources and the City and County of Honolulu are urged
2 to implement green fire breaks in West Oahu to mitigate the risk
3 of wildfires; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Fire Council shall be
6 consulted in the implementation process to provide guidance and
7 instruction on the best method of employing green fire breaks in
8 West Oahu; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the State Fire
13 Council of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and
14 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.
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