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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT  
ON DESECRATION LAWS IN THE PLANT AND ANIMAL DECLARATION  
FORM.

1           WHEREAS, section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
2 any passenger, officer, and crew member of an aircraft or vessel  
3 originating from certain areas, such as the continental United  
4 States, and embarking in Hawaii to complete the State of Hawaii  
5 Plant and Animal Declaration Form; and

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7           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration  
8 Form requires the passenger, officer, or crew member to disclose  
9 whether or not they are bringing certain articles, such as  
10 plants and animals, into the State and is used by the Hawaii  
11 Department of Agriculture to ensure compliance with state  
12 importation laws and rules; and

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14          WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form  
15 include information about federal, and state laws on protected,  
16 indigenous, endangered, and threatened wildlife; and

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18          WHEREAS, in coordination to the State of Hawaii Plant and  
19 Animal Declaration Form, the digital Akamai Arrival Program  
20 would be an additional media used to facilitate the same  
21 functions as the preceding program once it is fully rolled out;  
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24          WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration  
25 Form also includes the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Domestic  
26 Visitors' Basic Characteristics Survey, which has been a  
27 critical component of the Hawaii Tourism Authority's research  
28 objective of collecting and reporting statistics from domestic  
29 visitors to Hawaii, has been an extremely effective survey  
30 instrument with a tremendous sample size for more than twenty  
31 years, and also provides the Hawaii Department of Agriculture



1 with an additional tool to assist in monitoring and preventing  
2 invasive species from reaching the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, many visitors to Hawaii may be unaware of the  
5 various federal, state, and county laws, rules, and ordinances  
6 that protect public monuments and structures they may visit  
7 while in the State, including but not limited to Native Hawaiian  
8 cultural sites, burial grounds, and places of worship; and

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10 WHEREAS, individuals required to complete the State of  
11 Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form are a large, captive  
12 audience, making the form an opportune method of also notifying  
13 visitors of the laws against desecration; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
17 of 2025, that the Department of Agriculture is requested to  
18 include on the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form  
19 a section for each individual required to complete the form to  
20 acknowledge and affirm that the individual:

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22 (1) Is aware of the existence of various federal, state,  
23 and county laws, rules, and ordinances that protect  
24 public monuments and structures, including but not  
25 limited to Native Hawaiian cultural sites, burial  
26 grounds, and places of worship;  
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28 (2) Is aware of the federal and state laws on protected,  
29 indigenous, endangered, and threatened wildlife; and  
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31 (3) Is aware of ways to learn more about those laws,  
32 rules, and ordinances; and  
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34 (4) That the individual will heed those laws, rules, and  
35 ordinances; and  
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37 (5) Notes that once the Akamai Arrival Program is underway  
38 that the intent of this resolution be facilitated  
39 using the program; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Resolution be transmitted to the Regional Director of the



1 National Park Service for Region 12, Governor, Chairperson of  
2 the Board of Agriculture, President and Chief Executive Officer  
3 of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and mayor of each county.  
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