
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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
15 Form also includes the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Domestic
16 Visitors' Basic Characteristics Survey, which has been a
17 critical component of the Hawaii Tourism Authority's research
18 objective of collecting and reporting statistics from domestic
19 visitors to Hawaii, has been an extremely effective survey
20 instrument with a tremendous sample size for more than twenty
21 years, and also provides the Hawaii Department of Agriculture
22 with an additional tool to assist in monitoring and preventing
23 invasive species from reaching the State; and
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25 WHEREAS, many visitors to Hawaii may be unaware of the
26 various federal, state, and county laws, rules, and ordinances
27 that protect public monuments and structures they may visit
28 while in the State, including but not limited to Native Hawaiian
29 cultural sites, burial grounds, and places of worship; and
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1 WHEREAS, individuals required to complete the State of
2 Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form are a large, captive
3 audience, making the form an opportune method of also notifying
4 visitors of the laws against desecration; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
9 Agriculture is requested to include on the State of Hawaii Plant
10 and Animal Declaration Form a section for each individual
11 required to complete the form to acknowledge and affirm that the
12 individual:
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14 (1) Is aware of the existence of various federal, state,
15 and county laws, rules, and ordinances that protect
16 public monuments and structures, including but not
17 limited to Native Hawaiian cultural sites, burial
18 grounds, and places of worship;
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20 (2) Is aware of ways to learn more about those laws,
21 rules, and ordinances; and
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23 (3) That the individual will heed those laws, rules, and
24 ordinances; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Regional Director of
28 the National Park Service for Region 12, Governor, Chairperson
29 of the Board of Agriculture, President and Chief Executive
30 Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and mayor of each
31 county.
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OFFERED BY: 

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