
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE STATE
REGULATION OF THE HARVESTING OF HAWAIIAN SANDALWOOD.

1 WHEREAS, an unsubstantiated concern has been raised
2 regarding a steady decline of all native sandalwood species in
3 Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, any decline has historically been caused by non-
6 native mammals, insects, fire, and diseases that limit
7 regeneration and growth of existing trees; and

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9 WHEREAS, while protection of native sandalwood species is
10 afforded on state lands and within the state conservation
11 district, there is no regulation or oversight on the harvest,
12 sale, or destruction of native sandalwood species on privately
13 owned or managed lands, including conservation districts; and

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15 WHEREAS, the commercial harvesting of native sandalwood is
16 a promising new industry in the State that will provide many new
17 jobs and increase exports; and

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19 WHEREAS, in October 2012, the International Sandalwood
20 Symposium 2012 will be held at the University of Hawaii at Manoa
21 where stakeholders, experts, students, and members of the public
22 with interests in the international sandalwood industry will
23 discuss scientific research, conservation, ethnobotany,
24 commercialization, and other aspects of sandalwood species and
25 resources; and

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27 WHEREAS, state regulation of the harvesting of Hawaiian
28 sandalwood has been suggested as a means to promote native
29 sandalwood species; and

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31 WHEREAS, any system of regulating the harvesting of
32 Hawaiian sandalwood should consider the findings and



1 recommendations of the International Sandalwood Symposium 2012,
2 as well as input from experts in relevant scientific fields,
3 foresters, government agencies, landowners, and stakeholders;
4 now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson of the
9 Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to convene a
10 task force, after the October 2012 International Sandalwood
11 Symposium, to examine state regulation of the harvesting of
12 Hawaiian sandalwood and to serve as chair of the task force; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
15 Land and Natural Resources is requested to include on the task
16 force the following members or their designees:
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- 18 (1) The Administrator of the Division of Forestry and
19 Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural
20 Resources;
- 21 (2) The Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development
22 Corporation;
- 23 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
- 24 (4) A representative of the United States Fish and
25 Wildlife Service;
- 26 (5) A representative of county research and development;
- 27 (6) A representative of the planning department of each
28 county;
- 29 (7) A representative of the Hawaii Forest Industry
30 Association;
- 31 (8) A representative of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii;
- 32 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
- 33 (10) A representative of the United Chinese Society of
34 Hawaii;



- 1 (11) A representative of the International Sandalwood
2 Foundation;
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- 4 (12) A representative of Jawmin, LLC;
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- 6 (13) A representative of commercial foresters in the State;
7 and
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- 9 (14) Dr. Randall S. Senock, Associate Professor for
10 Geological and Environmental Sciences, California
11 State University at Chico; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
14 examine and make recommendations on the following issues;
15 provided that agribusinesses, as defined under section 321-10.5,
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, should be exempt from any
17 recommendation of the task force:

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- 19 (1) Conservation of Hawaiian sandalwood, including but not
20 limited to:
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 - 22 (A) Supporting the sustainable management and use of
23 Hawaiian sandalwood resources throughout the
24 State, including reforestation efforts;
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 - 26 (B) Providing incentives to local entrepreneurs to
27 cultivate Hawaiian sandalwood species for
28 reforestation programs or sustainable commercial
29 operations; and
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 - 31 (C) Providing support for programs that ensure the
32 sustainability of commercial operations for
33 Hawaiian sandalwood resources in the State; and
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- 35 (2) Establishment of requirements for a permitting process
36 for the commercial and noncommercial harvesting of
37 Hawaiian sandalwood, including a sustainable forest
38 management plan; and
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- 40 (3) Prohibition of the export of native Hawaiian seed
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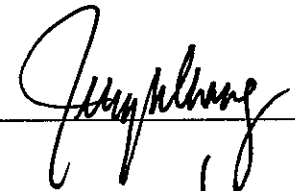


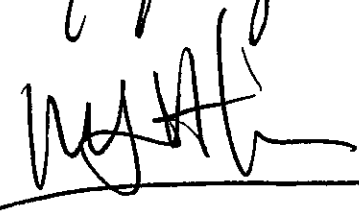
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 2 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations,
 3 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
 4 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 8 United States Fish and Wildlife Service; the Chairperson of the
 9 Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Administrator of the
 10 Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and
 11 Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
 12 the Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development
 13 Corporation; the Mayor of each county; the Executive Director of
 14 the Hawaii Forest Industry Association; the Executive Director
 15 of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii
 16 Cattlemen's Council; the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of
 17 the United Chinese Society of Hawaii; the Executive Director of
 18 the International Sandalwood Foundation; the President of
 19 Jawmin, LLC; and Dr. Randall S. Senock, California State
 20 University at Chico.
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