
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PLANT FOOD BEARING TREES ON
LANDS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE OR A COUNTY.

1 WHEREAS, the State is over-reliant on outside sources for
2 food, importing eighty-five percent of the food in Hawaii at a
3 cost of approximately \$3,000,000,000 each year; and
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5 WHEREAS, food self-sufficiency is one of the foundations of
6 a sustainable community; and
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8 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to pursue the common
9 good whereby all families and individuals in Hawaii have
10 improved access to food, which helps families achieve self-
11 sufficiency and financial security while reducing the number of
12 Hawaii residents living in poverty; and
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14 WHEREAS, a disaster thousands of miles away can adversely
15 affect Hawaii days later, thus making it essential for the State
16 to find ways to increase the amount of locally grown food
17 available for public consumption; and
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19 WHEREAS, a growing population often results in housing and
20 agriculture competing for the same land resources; and
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22 WHEREAS, the loss of prime farmland threatens Hawaii's
23 ability to grow its own food; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure Hawaii's food security
26 for future generations by permitting food bearing trees to be
27 planted in public places; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that government agencies are
2 encouraged to plant food bearing trees on lands owned or
3 controlled by the State or a county; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that government agencies are
6 requested to examine liability implications for any injury to
7 any person arising from the person's harvesting from food
8 bearing trees planted on lands owned or controlled by the State
9 or a county, unless the injury results from gross negligence on
10 the part of the State or a county; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of
14 each county in the State, and Chairperson of the Board of
15 Agriculture.
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