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## HOUSE 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  
33 recommendations of the International Sandalwood Symposium 2012,  
34 as well as input from experts in relevant scientific fields,



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

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3 (13) A representative of land owners who own less than one  
4 hundred acres of land and who are in the business of  
5 the sustainable forestry of sandalwood; and  
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7 (14) Dr. Randall S. Senock, Associate Professor for  
8 Geological and Environmental Sciences, California  
9 State University at Chico; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
12 examine and make recommendations on the following issues;  
13 provided that agribusinesses, as defined under section 321-10.5,  
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, should be exempt from any  
15 recommendation of the task force:  
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17 (1) Conservation of Hawaiian sandalwood, including but not  
18 limited to:

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20 (A) Supporting the sustainable management and use of  
21 Hawaiian sandalwood resources throughout the  
22 State, including reforestation efforts;  
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24 (B) Providing incentives to local entrepreneurs to  
25 cultivate Hawaiian sandalwood species for  
26 reforestation programs or sustainable commercial  
27 operations; and  
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29 (C) Providing support for programs that ensure the  
30 sustainability of commercial operations for  
31 Hawaiian sandalwood resources in the State; and  
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33 (2) Establishment of requirements for a permitting process  
34 for the commercial and noncommercial harvesting of  
35 Hawaiian sandalwood, including a sustainable forest  
36 management plan; and  
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38 (3) Prohibition of the export of native Hawaiian seed  
39 banks; and



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 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States  
8 Fish and Wildlife Service; Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
9 Natural Resources; Administrator of the Division of Forestry and  
10 Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
11 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Executive Director of  
12 the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Mayor of each county;  
13 Executive Director of the Hawaii Forest Industry Association;  
14 President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Chairperson of the  
15 Board of Trustees of the United Chinese Society of Hawaii;  
16 Executive Director of the International Sandalwood Foundation;  
17 President of Jawmin, LLC; and Dr. Randall S. Senock, California  
18 State University at Chico.

