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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO STREAMLINE THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.

1           WHEREAS, repair of many Hawaiian fishponds may require  
2 permits from the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
3 Department of Health, Office of Planning, and federal and county  
4 governments; and

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6           WHEREAS, the existing regulations and permit requirements  
7 preclude community organizations and Native Hawaiian  
8 aquaculturalists from repairing and maintaining Hawaiian  
9 fishponds; and

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11           WHEREAS, the State has the ability to streamline the permit  
12 process and promote interagency cooperation to facilitate  
13 restoration and leasing of fishponds to cultural and familial  
14 descendants; and

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16           WHEREAS, the State has not led a comprehensive initiative  
17 to streamline the permit process for restoration of Hawaiian  
18 fishponds in over thirty years; and

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20           WHEREAS, the restoration and reuse of *loko i'a* provide an  
21 opportunity to increase supplies of certain fish which will make  
22 Hawaii more food-secure and increase sustainable economic  
23 development opportunities for rural communities; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
28 and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of  
29 Planning are urged to streamline the permitting process for the  
30 restoration of Hawaiian fishponds; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
2 Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning,  
3 in collaboration with community organizations and Native  
4 Hawaiian aquaculturalists, consider the following to facilitate  
5 restoration of Hawaiian fishponds:

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- 7 (1) A master conservation district use application for
- 8 Hawaiian fishponds;
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- 10 (2) A coastal zone management program consistency
- 11 statement for Hawaiian fishponds;
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- 13 (3) Water quality certification for Hawaiian fishponds;
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- 15 (4) A national pollution discharge elimination system
- 16 general permit for Hawaiian fishponds; and
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- 18 (5) Administrative rules to be applied consistently
- 19 throughout the State; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
22 Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning  
23 are requested to submit their recommendations and draft  
24 legislation for a streamlined permit process for the restoration  
25 of Hawaiian fishponds to the Legislature no later than twenty  
26 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
30 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director  
31 of Health, and Director of the Office of Planning.  
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