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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
8 House of Representatives 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;  
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22 (2) The Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development  
23 Corporation;  
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25 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;  
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27 (4) A representative of the United States Fish and  
28 Wildlife Service;  
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30 (5) A representative of county research and development;  
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32 (6) A representative of the planning department of each  
33 county;  
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35 (7) A representative of the Hawaii Forest Industry  
36 Association;  
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38 (8) A representative of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii;  
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40 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;  
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42 (10) A representative of the United Chinese Society of  
43 Hawaii;  
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- 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  
41 banks; and  
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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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