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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  
33 recommendations of the International Sandalwood Symposium 2012,



1 as well as input from experts in relevant scientific fields,  
2 foresters, government agencies, landowners, and stakeholders;  
3 now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the  
8 Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to convene a  
9 task force, after the October 2012 International Sandalwood  
10 Symposium, to examine state regulation of the harvesting of  
11 Hawaiian sandalwood and to serve as chair of the task force; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
14 Land and Natural Resources is requested to include on the task  
15 force the following members or their designees:  
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- 17 (1) The Administrator of the Division of Forestry and  
18 Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural  
19 Resources;  
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- 21 (2) The Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development  
22 Corporation;  
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- 24 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;  
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- 26 (4) A representative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
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- 28 (5) A representative of the University of Hawaii with  
29 expertise in sandalwood;  
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- 31 (6) A representative of the United States Fish and  
32 Wildlife Service;  
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- 34 (7) A representative of county research and development;  
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- 36 (8) A representative of the planning department of each  
37 county;  
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- 39 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Forest Industry  
40 Association;  
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- 42 (10) A representative of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;  
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- 1 (11) A representative of the United Chinese Society of  
2 Hawaii;
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- 4 (12) A representative of the International Sandalwood  
5 Foundation;
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- 7 (13) A representative of Jawmin, LLC;
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- 9 (14) A representative of commercial foresters in the State;
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- 11 (15) An owner of one hundred acres or less of land who  
12 sustainably harvests sandalwood; and
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- 14 (16) Dr. Randall S. Senock, Associate Professor for  
15 Geological and Environmental Sciences, California  
16 State University at Chico; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
19 examine and make recommendations on the following issues:

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- 21 (1) Conservation of Hawaiian sandalwood, including but not  
22 limited to:
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- 24 (A) Supporting the sustainable management and use of  
25 Hawaiian sandalwood resources throughout the  
26 State, including reforestation efforts;
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- 28 (B) Providing incentives to local entrepreneurs to  
29 cultivate Hawaiian sandalwood species for  
30 reforestation programs or sustainable commercial  
31 operations; and
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- 33 (C) Providing support for programs that ensure the  
34 sustainability of commercial operations for  
35 Hawaiian sandalwood resources in the State; and
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- 37 (2) Establishment of requirements for a permitting process  
38 for the commercial and noncommercial harvesting of  
39 Hawaiian sandalwood, including a sustainable forest  
40 management plan; and
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- 42 (3) Prohibition of the export of native Hawaiian seed  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
2 conduct a thorough inventory of sandalwood throughout the State,  
3 in order to fully understand the status and distribution of  
4 Hawaiian sandalwood; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
7 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations,  
8 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
9 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
13 United States Fish and Wildlife Service; the Chairperson of the  
14 Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Administrator of the  
15 Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and  
16 Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;  
17 the Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development  
18 Corporation; the Mayor of each county; the Executive Director of  
19 the Hawaii Forest Industry Association; the President of the  
20 University of Hawaii System; the President of the Hawaii  
21 Cattlemen's Council; the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of  
22 the United Chinese Society of Hawaii; the Executive Director of  
23 the International Sandalwood Foundation; the Chief Executive  
24 Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the President of  
25 Jawmin, LLC; and Dr. Randall S. Senock, California State  
26 University at Chico.

