
SENATE 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 process in obtaining a permit for the
7 restoration of Hawaiian fishponds is time consuming,
8 complicated, and confusing and varies depending upon the
9 circumstances of party applying for the permit; and

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11 WHEREAS, the existing regulations and permit requirements
12 preclude community organizations and Native Hawaiian
13 aquaculturalists from repairing and maintaining Hawaiian
14 fishponds; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State has the ability to streamline the permit
17 process and promote interagency cooperation to facilitate
18 restoration and leasing of fishponds to cultural and familial
19 descendants; and

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

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

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
32 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of
33 Health, and Office of Planning are urged to streamline the



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

