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SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
6 that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources
7 is requested to convene a task force, after the October 2012
8 International Sandalwood Symposium, to examine state regulation
9 of the harvesting of Hawaiian sandalwood and to serve as chair
10 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;
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- 20 (2) The Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development
21 Corporation;
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- 23 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
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- 25 (4) A representative of the United States Fish and
26 Wildlife Service;
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- 28 (5) A representative of county research and development;
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- 30 (6) A representative of the planning department of each
31 county;
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- 33 (7) A representative of the Hawaii Forest Industry
34 Association;
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- 36 (8) A representative of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii;
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- 38 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
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- 40 (10) A representative of the United Chinese Society of
41 Hawaii;
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- 43 (11) A representative of the International Sandalwood
44 Foundation;



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- 2 (12) A representative of Jawmin, LLC;
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- 4 (13) A representative of commercial foresters in the State;
- 5 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
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

42 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations,

43 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days

44 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States
4 Fish and Wildlife Service; the Chairperson of the Board of Land
5 and Natural Resources; the Administrator of the Division of
6 Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural
7 Resources; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the
8 Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation;
9 the Mayor of each county; the Executive Director of the Hawaii
10 Forest Industry Association; the Executive Director of the
11 Nature Conservancy of Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii
12 Cattlemen's Council; the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of
13 the United Chinese Society of Hawaii; the Executive Director of
14 the International Sandalwood Foundation; the President of
15 Jawmin, LLC; and Dr. Randall S. Senock, California State
16 University at Chico.

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