
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,
35 foresters, government agencies, landowners, and stakeholders;
36 now, therefore,



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

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18 (1) Conservation of Hawaiian sandalwood, including but not
19 limited to:
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21 (A) Supporting the sustainable management and use of
22 Hawaiian sandalwood resources throughout the
23 State, including reforestation efforts;
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25 (B) Providing incentives to local entrepreneurs to
26 cultivate Hawaiian sandalwood species for
27 reforestation programs or sustainable commercial
28 operations; and
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30 (C) Providing support for programs that ensure the
31 sustainability of commercial operations for
32 Hawaiian sandalwood resources in the State; and
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34 (2) Establishment of requirements for a permitting process
35 for the commercial and noncommercial harvesting of
36 Hawaiian sandalwood, including a sustainable forest
37 management plan; and
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39 (3) Prohibition of the export of native Hawaiian seed
40 banks; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
43 conduct a thorough inventory of sandalwood throughout the State,



1 in order to fully understand the status and distribution of
2 Hawaiian sandalwood; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
5 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
7 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States
11 Fish and Wildlife Service; the Chairperson of the Board of Land
12 and Natural Resources; the Administrator of the Division of
13 Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural
14 Resources; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the
15 Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation;
16 the Mayor of each county; the Executive Director of the Hawaii
17 Forest Industry Association; the President of the University of
18 Hawaii System; the President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
19 the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the United Chinese
20 Society of Hawaii; the Executive Director of the International
21 Sandalwood Foundation; the Chief Executive Officer of the Office
22 of Hawaiian Affairs; the President of Jawmin, LLC; and Dr.
23 Randall S. Senock, California State University at Chico.

