
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports between eighty-five and ninety
2 percent of its food, and in the event of a natural disaster or
3 global event that prevents food shipment, Hawaii could face a
4 devastating food shortage; and

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6 WHEREAS, the practice of fishing has a long history in the
7 culture of Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, today, the availability of fresh locally-caught
10 fish is a basic expectation in each of our communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, the local fishing industry, especially the small
13 boat fleet, is an important part of the State economy and food
14 supply as it provides food for our residents and for visitors
15 that expect local fish as part of their vacation experience; and

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17 WHEREAS, fish are a sustainable food source, and our
18 State's unique relationship with the ocean allows us the
19 opportunity to integrate the local fishing industry into our
20 food security profile; and

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22 WHEREAS, policies on conservation and protection of marine
23 resources should promote the concept that "fish is food," and
24 encourage sustainability; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
29 strongly supports efforts by the local fishing industry to
30 promote sustainability and food security; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state
 2 departments to develop and update their rules and policies to
 3 integrate the local fishing industry into any food security or
 4 sustainability strategies; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
 8 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the
 9 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the Director of
 10 Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and the Executive
 11 Director of the Hawaii Fisherman's Alliance for Conservation and
 12 Tradition.

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