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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TAKE  
ACTION TO PROTECT 'ILIAHI, HAWAIIAN SANDALWOOD.

1           WHEREAS, 'Iliahi, or Hawaiian Sandalwood, is an endemic and  
2 endangered native Hawaiian tree; and  
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4           WHEREAS, 'Iliahi species have many medicinal and ornamental  
5 uses, and the wood of 'Iliahi trees has been prized and harvested  
6 for centuries; and  
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8           WHEREAS, 'Iliahi wood was exported from Hawaii in great  
9 amounts during the early 1800s, nearly making these native  
10 species extinct; and  
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12           WHEREAS, losing the few remaining native 'Iliahi trees in  
13 Hawaii would be a great tragedy and a loss of Hawaiian history  
14 and culture; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Land and Natural  
17 Resources is to "enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's  
18 unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held  
19 in public trust for current and future generations of the people  
20 of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from  
21 the public and private sectors"; and  
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23           WHEREAS, protecting endangered native 'Iliahi trees is,  
24 without question, part of the department's mission; and  
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26           WHEREAS, there remains a market for the export of native  
27 'Iliahi wood, and this contributes to the threat of extinction of  
28 'Iliahi trees; and  
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30           WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to protect the  
31 remaining native 'Iliahi trees; now, therefore,  
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1           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,  
3 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to  
4 establish a comprehensive program for protecting native 'Iliahi  
5 trees; and  
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7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
8 Natural Resources is urged to invest in efforts to replant  
9 'Iliahi trees so that these endangered native species thrive once  
10 again in Hawaii; and  
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12          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of  
14 the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

