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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, establishes a
2 goal of achieving carbon neutrality in the State by 2045; and
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4 WHEREAS, the benefits of planting trees in mass
5 reforestation efforts and urban landscaping include carbon
6 sequestration; nutrient cycling; watershed filtration; enhanced
7 groundwater recharge; diminished water loss from evaporation and
8 transpiration; reduced erosion, runoff, and airborne pollution;
9 nitrogen and phosphorous leaching removal; flood control; urban
10 heat island effect mitigation; wildlife habitat preservation;
11 increased shade; and the creation and expansion of recreational
12 and culturally important areas; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii has lost nearly half of its native forest
15 cover since western contact, and forests continue to be reduced
16 by invasive species and wildfires; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
19 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
20 Representatives concurring, that the Governor, in coordination
21 with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, is urged to
22 establish and implement a tree planting program that provides
23 for the planting in Hawaii of at least one million native trees
24 per year over the next four years; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
28 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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