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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GLEANING IN STATE AND COUNTY
PARKS.

1 WHEREAS, a 2012 report from the Department on Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism on food insecurity and food
3 self-sufficiency stated that about eighty-five to ninety percent
4 of the State's food is imported; and

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6 WHEREAS, local families, restaurants, and farmers are among
7 those who were greatly impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019
8 (COVID-19) pandemic; and

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10 WHEREAS, Pacific Business News reported that the State
11 experienced the highest increase in unemployment rates in the
12 nation between January and December of 2020 at two hundred one
13 percent; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Restaurant Association reported that at
16 least fifteen percent of the State's 3,600 restaurants have
17 closed down since the pandemic began; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture estimates that
20 farmers have lost fifty to sixty percent of their market because
21 of shutdowns last year; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Foodbank has distributed over nineteen
24 million pounds of food to Hawaii residents between March through
25 November of 2020; and

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27 WHEREAS, there has been a great increase of food insecure
28 residents in Hawaii last year, and this increased reliance on
29 food assistance highlights the vulnerability of Hawaii's food
30 supply; and

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1 WHEREAS, gleaning is an ancient agricultural practice of
2 food recovery that the United States Department of Agriculture
3 defines as the act of collecting excess fresh foods from farms,
4 gardens, farmers markets, grocers, restaurants, state or county
5 fairs, or any other sources in order to provide it to those in
6 need; and

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8 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the opportunity to
9 increase the self-sufficiency and food security of the State by
10 examining and building upon the State's ability to utilize
11 gleaning in state and county parks; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that there be convened a
16 working group to examine and make recommendations regarding
17 gleaning in state and county parks; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group examines and
20 identifies:

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22 (1) Gleaning activities in state and county parks;
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24 (2) Types of foods that are gleaned in state and county
25 parks;
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27 (3) Recommended strategies to promote awareness of
28 gleaning in state and county parks, including
29 potential gleaning initiatives the State can implement
30 to benefit its communities; and
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32 (4) Other topics as the working group deems necessary; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consists of
35 the following members or their designees:

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37 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
38 Resources;
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40 (2) The Dean of the University of Hawaii College of
41 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;
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- 1 (3) The Director of the City and County of Honolulu
2 Department of Parks and Recreation;
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- 4 (4) The Director of the County of Maui Department of Parks
5 and Recreation;
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- 7 (5) The Director of the County of Hawaii Department of
8 Parks and Recreation; and
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- 10 (6) The Director of the County of Kauai Department of
11 Parks and Recreation; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group may also
14 consist of other interested members as the six members specified
15 above deem necessary; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members select a chair of
18 the working group from among themselves and that the chair of
19 the working group be assigned the administrative
20 responsibilities of the working group; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group is requested to
23 convene by September 1, 2021 and hold no fewer than three
24 meetings prior to the Regular Session of 2022; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
27 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
28 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
29 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
30 of 2022 and that the working group be dissolved on June 30,
31 2022; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
35 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Dean of the University of
36 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources,
37 Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks
38 and Recreation, Director of the County of Maui Department of
39 Parks and Recreation, Director of the County of Hawaii

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1 Department of Parks and Recreation, and Director of the County
2 of Kauai Department of Parks and Recreation.

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