
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE YEAR 2022 AS THE YEAR OF THE LIMU.

1 WHEREAS, limu is a crucial part of a healthy and productive
2 reef ecosystem; and

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4 WHEREAS, limu is the primary producer and, therefore, the
5 base of the nearshore marine food chain; and

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7 WHEREAS, limu is a key indicator of the health and
8 resilience of an ahupua'a; and

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10 WHEREAS, limu was once the third important component, along
11 with fish and poi, of the traditional Native Hawaiian diet; and

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13 WHEREAS, in the past, limu was used not only for food but
14 also for medicinal purposes as well as for religious and
15 cultural ceremonies; and

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17 WHEREAS, much limu-based cultural knowledge has been lost
18 over many generations due to a lack of knowledge and awareness
19 of limu's significance; and

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21 WHEREAS, there has been a steep decline of limu throughout
22 the State and a correlating decline in the amount of nearshore
23 fish; and

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25 WHEREAS, the lack of knowledge and awareness about limu
26 hinders any work or effort to increase Hawaii's population of
27 nearshore fish; and

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29 WHEREAS, recapturing, retaining, and sharing cultural and
30 environmental knowledge about limu will benefit nearshore
31 fisheries and all the people of Hawaii for many generations; and

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33 WHEREAS, the academic and community efforts to revitalize
34 limu by kupuna such as Dr. Isabella Aiona Abbot and Henry Chang



1 We have perpetuated the deeper socio-cultural ties that bind
2 limu to the islands; and

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4 WHEREAS, community organizations such as the Limu Hui from
5 Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo and the Waimanalo Limu Hui have worked to
6 propagate limu species; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2021, that the year 2022 be declared the Year of the Limu;
11 and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
15 Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Board of Directors and
16 Limu Hui Coordinator for Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo.

