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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF LIMU AND REEF FISH DECLINE IN CERTAIN  
AREAS OF THE EWA COAST OF OAHU.

1           WHEREAS, limu and fishes in Hawaii's coral reefs are of  
2 tremendous economic, cultural, and ecological value; and  
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4           WHEREAS, limu is a significant cornerstone of Native  
5 Hawaiian culture, used by Native Hawaiians in conflict  
6 resolution ceremonies and in their traditional medicinal  
7 practices; and  
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9           WHEREAS, these plants of the sea are food for fish and key  
10 indicators of environmental health and activity; and  
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12           WHEREAS, limu played an important part in the ancient  
13 Native Hawaiian diet, and today, limu has many culinary  
14 applications enjoyed by Native Hawaiians and many others; and  
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16           WHEREAS, once abundant, there has been a steep decline of  
17 limu along the Ewa Coast of Oahu; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the Ewa Coast of Oahu is also experiencing a  
20 markedly steep decline in reef fish; and  
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22           WHEREAS, over-picking and over-fishing, improper  
23 harvesting, climate change, urban development, stream flow  
24 diversion, and invasive species are among the factors that can  
25 cause declines in the supply of limu and reef fish, and  
26 ultimately destruction of Hawaii's coral reefs; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the causes of such declines must be determined in  
29 order to enable the development of workable strategies to  
30 preserve these valuable natural resources; now, therefore,



