
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO STOP THE DECLINE AND
REPLENISH THE SUPPLY OF LIMU AND REEF FISH IN CERTAIN AREAS
OF THE EWA COAST OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, limu and fish 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 traditional medicinal practices;
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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 the destruction of Hawaii's coral reefs; now,
27 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Land and Natural Resources is requested to provide a report of
5 recommendations on what actions need to be taken to stop the
6 decline and replenish the supply of limu and reef fish from the
7 easternmost point of Pu'uloa to Barber's Point; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
10 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its
11 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the Regular Session of 2016; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
17 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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