

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-17****A RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAI‘I STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH SITES AND DELINEATE A PERMIT AND REVIEW PROCESS FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.**

WHEREAS, increases in human population, declining natural resources (topsoil, forests, fisheries, minerals, and fuels), rising levels of air and water pollution, climate change, unemployment, poverty, and other dangerously disruptive trends require immediate and creative responses by private and government entities of all sizes and at all levels; and

WHEREAS, many citizens, families, organizations, and communities of Hawai‘i are ready, willing, and able to develop, test, refine, and implement a wide range of innovative methods, technologies, and holistic systems that increase the productivity, resilience, health, and sustainability of Hawai‘i’s economy, ecosystems, people, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai‘i adopted Resolution 302-12 urging the Hawai‘i State Legislature to enact legislation to establish sustainable living research sites on parcels less than 15 acres that are designated “agricultural” under state law in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable living research site is defined in HB 873 H.D. 1 as an area that is subject to a sustainable living research site permit issued by the planning department; and

WHEREAS, the short-term goal of sustainable living research sites is to develop sustainable resources and practices such as community resource sharing, natural or recycled building materials, thermal and solar heating or cooling systems, renewable power generation, water harvesting, contained sewage treatment systems, and food production; and

WHEREAS, the long-term goal of these sites is to develop research that will contribute to emergency preparedness development in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, HB 873 H.D. 1 will allow and encourage sustainable projects within a county to research new low-impact ways of living and growing food without the limitations imposed by traditional codes and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, HB 873 H.D. 1 will enable the construction of what are often referred to as “ecovillages,” which are innovative and rapidly developing both nationwide and internationally, but which are not permitted under Hawai‘i’s current laws; and

WHEREAS, HB 873 H.D. 1 will establish a permit and review process that exempts sustainable living research and sites from certain county codes, ordinances, and rules; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that the Hawai‘i State Legislature is urged to enact legislation to establish sustainable living research sites and delineate a permit and review process for their implementation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor David Ige, the President of the Hawai‘i State Senate and the Speaker of the State House of Representatives for distribution to all State Senators and Representatives.

Dated at _____, Hawai‘i, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

INTRODUCED BY:

COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai‘i
Hilo, Hawai‘i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai‘i on _____.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Reference: _____

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