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Aloha,

In regards to Reso 24-172: I support with amendments for consideration.

1. Protection of Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property:

- Add to 19.30A.050(B)(15)

Any activities involving Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traditions, or intellectual property must be approved by the County's Department of 'Ōiwi Resources to ensure cultural integrity and proper representation."

2. Limitation to Qualified Practitioners:

- Add to 19.30A.050(B)(15)(a):

"Demonstrations or instruction in Native Hawaiian practices must be conducted by Native Hawaiians or certified cultural practitioners as verified by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources."

3. Role of the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources:

- Add a new clause to 19.30A.050(B):

"The Department of 'Ōiwi Resources shall review and approve any agricultural tourism activities that include Native Hawaiian cultural practices to ensure alignment with cultural values and avoid misuse or commercialization."

4. Cultural Safeguards:

- Add to the enforcement section:

Unauthorized use or misrepresentation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices will result in penalties, including suspension of the activity, as determined by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources."

Sincerely,

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