
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DEMANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAM, WITH SPECIFIC FOCUS ON THE COLLECTION OF HI-5 RECYCLABLE ITEMS, TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL OFFICES AT THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii benefits from natural beauty and unique
2 ecosystems that are vital to the State's culture, economy, and
3 way of life; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State faces significant environmental
6 challenges due to its limited land availability and the growing
7 pressure of waste management; and

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9 WHEREAS, landfill space in Hawaii is critically limited,
10 and the expansion of landfills threatens the State's environment
11 and communities; and

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13 WHEREAS, recycling reduces the need for landfills,
14 conserves natural resources, minimizes the environmental impact
15 of waste, and offers a sustainable solution to some of the
16 State's waste management issues; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State has established goals to reduce, reuse,
19 and recycle waste products but has not made these efforts
20 mandatory, which limits their effectiveness and participation
21 rates; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Legislature should lead by example in
24 environmental stewardship efforts, demonstrating the State's
25 commitment to sustainable practices; and

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27 WHEREAS, a comprehensive recycling program at the Hawaii
28 State Capitol would serve as a model for sustainable waste
29 management practices and would encourage businesses,



1 organizations, and individuals to adopt similar recycling
2 measures; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
7 Accounting and General Services is demanded to develop a
8 comprehensive recycling program, with specific focus on the
9 collection of HI-5 recyclable items, to be implemented in all
10 offices at the Hawaii State Capitol; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
14 Comptroller, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives.

