
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE
AND EFFICIENT MANNER TO ADDRESS NECESSARY RENOVATIONS OF
THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL REFLECTING POOL.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Capitol building is listed on the
2 Hawaii Register of Historic Places and the National Register of
3 Historic Places; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
6 is charged under section 26-6(b)(6), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7 with the maintenance of public buildings; and

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9 WHEREAS, the State Capitol Management Committee,
10 established under section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 responsible for the oversight and management of the reflecting
12 pool surrounding the State Capitol; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
15 expends approximately \$120,000 annually for the physical
16 maintenance of the State Capitol reflecting pool; and

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18 WHEREAS, the reflecting pool faces significant maintenance
19 challenges attributable to inadequate water circulation, high
20 saline content, inadequacy of the water proofing membrane, and
21 the sheer surface area and volume of water; and

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23 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces serious long-term financial
24 constraints from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;
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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
28 is requesting \$30,000,000 for the next fiscal biennium to
29 renovate and repair the reflecting pool; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Accounting and General Services is requested to work with the
5 legislature on the most cost-effective and efficient manner to
6 address necessary renovations of the State Capitol reflecting
7 pool; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
10 and General Services is requested to dedicate its resources
11 toward areas of the reflecting pool that require immediate
12 repair; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
15 and General Services is requested to conduct a study to
16 determine alternative uses for the area occupied by the
17 reflecting pool that maintain its cultural significance and
18 enhance the public spaces of the Hawaii State Capitol; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the study,
21 the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested
22 to submit the study to the Legislature for comment and approval;
23 and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
27 Comptroller, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation
28 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
29 Chairperson of the State Capitol Management Committee, Dean of
30 the University of Hawaii School of Architecture, and President
31 of the Hawaii State Council of the American Institute of
32 Architects.

