

---

---

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO  
DEFER ITS PROPOSED 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  
4

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services  
6 is charged under section 26-6(b)(6), Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
7 for the maintenance of public buildings; and  
8

9 WHEREAS, the State Capitol Management Committee,  
10 established under section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has  
11 oversight and management responsibility for the reflecting pool  
12 surrounding the State Capitol; and  
13

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  
17

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  
22

23 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces serious long-term financial  
24 constraints from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;  
25 and  
26

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, that the Department of Accounting and General Services  
4 is requested to defer its proposed renovations of the State  
5 Capitol reflecting pool; and

6  
7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
8 and General Services is requested to dedicate its resources  
9 toward areas of the reflecting pool that require immediate  
10 repair; and

11  
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
13 and General Services is requested to conduct a study to  
14 determine alternative uses for the area occupied by the  
15 reflecting pool that maintain its cultural significance and  
16 enhance the public spaces of the Hawaii State Capitol; and

17  
18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the study,  
19 the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested  
20 to submit the study to the Legislature for comment and approval;  
21 and

22  
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller,  
25 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division of the  
26 Department of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the  
27 State Capitol Management Committee, Dean of the University of  
28 Hawaii School of Architecture, and President of the Hawaii State  
29 Council of the American Institute of Architects.

30  
31  
32

OFFERED BY: Justin Soyama

FEB 19 2021

