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# HOUSE 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, that the Department of Accounting and General Services  
4 is requested to work with the legislature on the most cost-  
5 effective and efficient manner to address necessary renovations  
6 of the State Capitol reflecting pool; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
9 and General Services is requested to dedicate its resources  
10 toward areas of the reflecting pool that require immediate  
11 repair; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
14 and General Services is requested to conduct a study to  
15 determine alternative uses for the area occupied by the  
16 reflecting pool that maintain its cultural significance and  
17 enhance the public spaces of the Hawaii State Capitol; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the study,  
20 the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested  
21 to submit the study to the Legislature for comment and approval;  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller,  
26 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division of the  
27 Department of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the  
28 State Capitol Management Committee, Dean of the University of  
29 Hawaii School of Architecture, and President of the Hawaii State  
30 Council of the American Institute of Architects.

