
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO JOIN THE
LEGISLATURE IN SPONSORING A CONTEST FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO FIND A SOLUTION
TO THE ALGAE AND WATER QUALITY PROBLEM AT THE STATE CAPITOL
REFLECTING POOL.

1 WHEREAS, an integral part of the State Capitol is the
2 reflecting pool that surrounds the Capitol, which is occupied by
3 legislative and administrative offices; and
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5 WHEREAS, the reflecting pool represents the Pacific Ocean
6 which surrounds the Hawaiian Islands much like the pool
7 surrounds the State Capitol; and
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9 WHEREAS, since its inception, the stagnant water in the
10 reflecting pool has been plagued with algae and other water
11 quality problems; and
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13 WHEREAS, the annual costs to clean and maintain the
14 reflecting pool runs into the thousands of dollars requiring the
15 regular services of a cleaning crew and other maintenance
16 expenses; and
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18 WHEREAS, considering the sophistication of environmentally
19 designed technologies and other modern alternatives capable of
20 addressing the reflecting pool problem, it would be to the
21 advantage of the State to explore these alternatives; and
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23 WHEREAS, high school and middle school students in Hawaii
24 have consistently displayed an appreciation for many of the
25 maladies of modern society and have responded to these problems
26 with creative and ingenious science fair and school projects;
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1 WHEREAS, the creativity and ingenuity of high school and
2 middle school students should be utilized to find a solution to
3 the reflecting pool problem by way of a statewide contest open
4 to any public or private high school or middle school student;
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7 WHEREAS, participating students would be allowed to test
8 their entry or hypothesis on the reflecting pool water; and

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10 WHEREAS, winning entries would be judged by selected jurors
11 and receive cash prizes; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the state administration,
16 the Department of Education, and the University of Hawaii are
17 requested to join the Legislature in sponsoring a contest for
18 public and private high school and middle school students to
19 find a solution to the algae and water quality problem at the
20 State Capitol reflecting pool; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives from the
23 Department of Accounting and General Services or a designated
24 state agency, the University of Hawaii, the Department of
25 Education, and the Legislature are requested to serve as judges
26 for the contest; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature is requested to
29 contribute funds for the cash prizes for winning students; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
32 and General Services or a state agency selected by the
33 Department is requested to test the winning entries or
34 hypotheses; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 3 Comptroller, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the
 4 Superintendent of Education, the President of the University of
 5 Hawaii, the Chairperson of the Board of Regents, and the
 6 Presidents or Headmasters of Hawaii's private high and middle
 7 schools.

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