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# HOUSE 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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29           WHEREAS, the creativity and ingenuity of high school and  
30 middle school students should be utilized to find a solution to  
31 the reflecting pool problem by way of a statewide contest open



1 to any public or private high school or middle school student;  
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4 WHEREAS, participating students would be allowed to test  
5 their entry or hypothesis on the reflecting pool water; and  
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7 WHEREAS, winning entries would be judged by selected jurors  
8 and receive cash prizes; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2006, that the state administration, the Department of  
13 Education, and the University of Hawaii are requested to join  
14 the Legislature in sponsoring a contest for public and private  
15 high school and middle school students to find a solution to the  
16 algae and water quality problem at the State Capitol reflecting  
17 pool; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives from the  
20 Department of Accounting and General Services or a designated  
21 state agency, the University of Hawaii, the Department of  
22 Education, and the Legislature are requested to serve as judges  
23 for the contest; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature is requested to  
26 contribute funds for the cash prizes for winning students; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
29 and General Services or a state agency selected by the  
30 Department is requested to test the winning entries or  
31 hypotheses; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Comptroller, the  
35 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of  
36 Education, the President of the University of Hawaii, the  
37 Chairperson of the Board of Regents, and the Presidents or  
38 Headmasters of Hawaii's private high and middle schools.  
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