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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
EXPLORE ALL METHODS OF REINTRODUCING FISH TO THE STATE
CAPITOL'S SURROUNDING POND AND IMPLEMENTING THE
REINTRODUCTION OF FISH.

1 WHEREAS, the State Capitol's original design did not
2 include a surrounding pond; and

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4 WHEREAS, the concept of a surrounding pond was later
5 suggested to Governor John A. Burns by Jackie Kennedy; and

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7 WHEREAS, the State Capitol's surrounding pond is intended
8 to represent the beautiful Pacific Ocean; and

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10 WHEREAS, prior to the renovation of the State Capitol in
11 the 1990s, fish thrived in the surrounding pond; and

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13 WHEREAS, after the renovation of the State Capitol, the
14 decision was made not to replenish the surrounding pond with
15 fish; and

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17 WHEREAS, the surrounding pond is currently covered with
18 algae and mosquito larvae can be seen in the surrounding pond;
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21 WHEREAS, mosquitoes, seen by some as a health concern, can
22 be seen flying all over the State Capitol; and

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24 WHEREAS, some have expressed that the water of the
25 surrounding pond was cleaner when fish were able to eat the
26 algae and mosquito larvae; and

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28 WHEREAS, no fish have lived in the surrounding pond for
29 over ten years; and
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1 WHEREAS, with new research and technology on ecosystems and
2 creating green environments, a system may exist that will allow
3 fish and other life to thrive in the surrounding pond; now,
4 therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
9 Accounting and General Services is requested to explore all
10 methods of reintroducing fish to the State Capitol's surrounding
11 pond and, if feasible, implement the reintroduction; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
14 and General Services is requested to explore methods of creating
15 an ecosystem to include fish and other life that will keep algae
16 and mosquitoes at a minimum in the State Capitol pond; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
20 Comptroller.
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OFFERED BY:

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