
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING WATER HAULERS THAT PROVIDE WATER TO CUSTOMERS WITH
CATCHMENT TANKS TO CONDUCT PH TESTS OF THOSE CUSTOMERS'
CATCHMENT TANKS AT NO CHARGE.

1 WHEREAS, vog is a form of air pollution that results when
2 sulfur dioxide and other gases and particles emitted by an
3 erupting volcano react with oxygen and moisture in the presence
4 of sunlight; and
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6 WHEREAS, increased volcanic activity on the Big Island in
7 the past few years has caused vog to regularly affect the air
8 quality in areas extending for many miles around Kilauea
9 Volcano; and
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11 WHEREAS, vog has extensively damaged crops and livestock on
12 the Big Island and poses a health threat to its residents; and
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14 WHEREAS, many Big Island residents in areas around Kilauea
15 Volcano depend on catchment water for their water supply, which
16 is used for washing, bathing, and drinking; and
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18 WHEREAS, the acidic nature of vog pollution in the air also
19 raises the acidity of water that is captured in catchment tanks;
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22 WHEREAS, even mildly acidic water over time can cause
23 expensive damage to a home's plumbing; and the health effects of
24 drinking or bathing in water with increased acidity are unclear;
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27 WHEREAS, a low cost simple test is available to determine
28 the acidity of catchment water so that it may be easily treated
29 to return the water to a normal neutral pH that is safe for
30 household use and human consumption; and
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1 WHEREAS, water hauling services are frequently used by Big
2 Island families to supply and service water catchment tanks, and
3 water haulers are well-situated to test the pH of water
4 catchment tanks to determine the acidity of the water inside;
5 now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that water haulers are requested
10 to provide pH tests of the acidity of their customers' catchment
11 tanks at no cost to the customers; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
15 Public Utilities Commission, who, in turn, is requested to
16 transmit additional copies of this Resolution to the chief
17 executive officer of each property carrier that is a water
18 hauler that is regulated by the Commission.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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