
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE CURRENT WATER
ISSUES.

1 WHEREAS, water is a natural resource that is essential for
2 public health, growing crops, and preserving Hawaii's
3 environmental resources and way of life; and
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5 WHEREAS, population increase and urban development in
6 Hawaii have resulted in a serious imbalance between water use
7 and available water resources; and
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9 WHEREAS, ensuring that adequate water resources are
10 available to support Hawaii's natural beauty, a healthy
11 environment, and urban growth for the benefit of present and
12 future generations is of serious concern to the State; and
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14 WHEREAS, Article XI, section 1 of the Hawaii Constitution
15 provides that, along with other natural resources, water is a
16 public trust resource to be managed and regulated for the
17 benefit of the people; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 1987, the Legislature enacted the State Water
20 Code, codified as chapter 174C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
21 provide guidance and direction for managing and safeguarding
22 Hawaii's water resources; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson of
27 the Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to convene
28 a task force to examine current water issues in regards to the
29 State, each county, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and
30 private water systems; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following parties or their
2 designees are requested to serve as members of the task force:

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- 4 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
5 Resources, who is requested to serve as the
6 chairperson of the task force;
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- 8 (2) The Director of Health;
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- 10 (3) The Director of the Water Resources Research Center of
11 the University of Hawaii;
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- 13 (4) The Chairpersons of the Boards of Water Supply for the
14 City and County of Honolulu, County of Kauai, and
15 County of Maui, and the Manager of Department of Water
16 Supply of the County of Hawaii;
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- 18 (5) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
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- 20 (6) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian
21 Affairs; and
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- 23 (7) Any other public or private entity deemed necessary by
24 the chairperson of the task force; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
27 consider issues relating to:

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- 29 (1) Potable water;
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- 31 (2) Irrigation systems;
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- 33 (3) Water conservation;
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- 35 (4) Wastewater treatment;
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- 37 (5) Water reclamation and reuse;
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- 39 (6) Water quality;
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- 41 (7) Infrastructure requirements;
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- 43 (8) Traditional and customary Hawaiian rights; and
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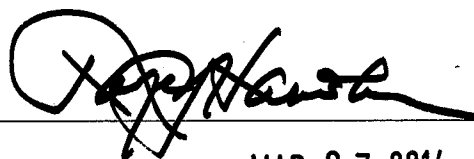
1 (9) Any other issue deemed relevant by the task force; and

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
4 examine current water issues and identify practical policy
5 solutions for each island; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
8 report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, to each member of the Legislature no later than
10 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
11 2015; 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 Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Director of Health; the
16 Director of the Water Resources Research Center of the
17 University of Hawaii; Chairpersons of the Boards of Water Supply
18 for the City and County of Honolulu, County of Kauai, and County
19 of Maui; the Manager of the Department of Water Supply of the
20 County of Hawaii; the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
21 Commission; and the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of
22 Hawaiian Affairs.

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