
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES AND COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS AND TO ESTABLISH DROP-OFF SITES FOR THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF BATTERIES, COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

1 WHEREAS, household batteries are used ubiquitously
2 throughout the City and County of Honolulu; and
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4 WHEREAS, household batteries produce power when heavy
5 metals react with chemical electrolytes within the battery; and
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7 WHEREAS, the heavy metals found in household batteries
8 include mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel; and
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10 WHEREAS, the heavy metals found within household batteries
11 may contaminate the environment when improperly disposed,
12 including the release of pollutants into the air when
13 incinerated; and
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15 WHEREAS, compact fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury
16 and, if broken, may contaminate the environment by releasing
17 mercury into the air; and
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19 WHEREAS, the safest means of disposing of household
20 batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs and the heavy
21 metals within them is by means of recycling; and
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23 WHEREAS, recycling of household batteries results in the
24 separation of the plastic components and heavy metals for reuse
25 in new plastic products, batteries, and other products; and
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1 WHEREAS, many people throughout the City and County of
2 Honolulu are unaware that improper disposal of household
3 batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs may contaminate
4 the environment, or that household batteries may be safely
5 recycled and where to recycle them; and

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7 WHEREAS, there are few convenient places to drop off
8 household batteries or compact fluorescent light bulbs for
9 recycling; and

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11 WHEREAS, the residents of the City and County of Honolulu
12 are in need of a program to increase public awareness of the
13 importance of recycling household batteries and compact
14 fluorescent light bulbs, and to establish convenient and
15 permanent recycling methods; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the City and County
20 of Honolulu is requested to develop and implement a program to
21 increase public awareness of the importance of recycling
22 household batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs, and to
23 establish convenient centers for the collection and recycling of
24 household batteries; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
27 is requested to develop and implement permanent drop-off sites
28 for batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and other
29 household hazardous material; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
33 and County of Honolulu, the Chairperson of the Council of the
34 City and County of Honolulu, and the Director of the City and
35 County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services.

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38 OFFERED BY:

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