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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE  
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING  
PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, the State generates over one million tons of waste  
2 each year, creating a severe strain on our State's environmental  
3 and natural resources as well as the State's densely populated  
4 landfills; and

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6           WHEREAS, there were over twenty million Christmas trees  
7 sold in the United States in 2013 and an estimated one hundred  
8 fifty million strings of lights sold each year; and

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10          WHEREAS, some states have created recycling programs that  
11 collect holiday lights and then recycle the lights by separating  
12 the copper, glass, and other materials from the lights, which  
13 are then recycled; and

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15          WHEREAS, copper is one of the world's most common and  
16 reusable metals, resulting in the high demand for and cost of  
17 copper; and

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19          WHEREAS, some holiday light recycling programs have been so  
20 successful that they have collected over a hundred thousand  
21 pounds of holiday lights; and

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23          WHEREAS, any proceeds received from recycling holiday  
24 lights can be used for a multitude of programs and services  
25 offered by the State that are in dire need of additional  
26 funding; and

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28          WHEREAS, the establishment of a holiday light recycling  
29 program can serve as an additional way for community service  
30 organizations and others to serve the community; now, therefore,  
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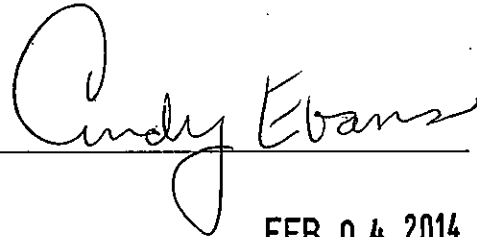
1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
4 Health is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of  
5 establishing a holiday light recycling program; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
8 Department of Health is requested to also consider what types of  
9 organizations or businesses could help implement a holiday light  
10 recycling program through a partnership; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
13 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
16 the Regular Session of 2015; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
20 the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and  
21 the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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