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## HOUSE 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, that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
27 Natural Resources is requested to convene a task force to  
28 examine current water issues in regards to the State, each  
29 county, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and private water  
30 systems; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following parties or their  
33 designees are requested to serve as members of the task force:  
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- 1           (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
2           Resources, who is requested to serve as the  
3           chairperson of the task force;
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- 5           (2) The Director of Health;
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- 7           (3) The Director of the Water Resources Research Center of  
8           the University of Hawaii;
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- 10          (4) The Chairpersons of the Boards of Water Supply for the  
11          City and County of Honolulu, County of Kauai, and  
12          County of Maui, and the Manager of Department of Water  
13          Supply of the County of Hawaii;
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- 15          (5) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
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- 17          (6) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian  
18          Affairs; and
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- 20          (7) Any other public or private entity deemed necessary by  
21          the chairperson of the task force; and
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
24 consider issues relating to:

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- 26          (1) Potable water;
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- 28          (2) Irrigation systems;
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- 30          (3) Water conservation;
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- 32          (4) Wastewater treatment;
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- 34          (5) Water reclamation and reuse;
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- 36          (6) Water quality;
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- 38          (7) Infrastructure requirements;
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- 42          (9) Any other issue deemed relevant by the task force; and
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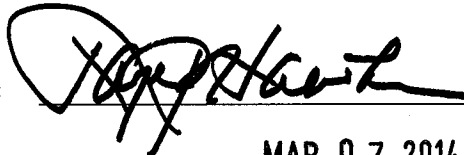
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
2 examine current water issues and identify practical policy  
3 solutions for each island; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
6 report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
7 legislation, to each member of the Legislature no later than  
8 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
9 2015; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
13 Land and Natural Resources; the Director of Health; the Director  
14 of the Water Resources Research Center of the University of  
15 Hawaii; Chairpersons of the Boards of Water Supply for the City  
16 and County of Honolulu, County of Kauai, and County of Maui; the  
17 Manager of the Department of Water Supply of the County of  
18 Hawaii; the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; and  
19 the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
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