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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING EACH COUNTY WITHIN THE STATE OF HAWAII 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, including single-use and
2 rechargeable batteries, are used ubiquitously throughout the
3 State; and
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5 WHEREAS, certain rechargeable household batteries produce
6 power when heavy metals react with chemical electrolytes within
7 the battery; and
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9 WHEREAS, the heavy metals found in certain rechargeable
10 household batteries include mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel;
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13 WHEREAS, the heavy metals found within certain rechargeable
14 household batteries may contaminate the environment when
15 improperly disposed, including the release of pollutants into
16 the air when incinerated; and
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18 WHEREAS, single-use alkaline batteries contain common
19 metals such as steel, zinc and manganese; and
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21 WHEREAS, compact fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury
22 and, if broken, may contaminate the environment by releasing
23 mercury into the air; and
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1 WHEREAS, the safest means of disposing of rechargeable
2 household batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs and the
3 heavy metals within them is by means of recycling; and
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5 WHEREAS, single-use alkaline batteries may be recycled
6 solely for the purpose of reusing the common metals, but do not
7 pose any environmental or health risks; and
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9 WHEREAS, recycling of household batteries results in the
10 separation of the plastic components and heavy metals for reuse
11 in new plastic products, batteries, and other products; and
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13 WHEREAS, many people throughout the State of Hawaii are
14 unaware that improper disposal of certain rechargeable household
15 batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs may contaminate
16 the environment, or that household batteries may be safely
17 recycled and where to recycle them; and
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19 WHEREAS, there are few convenient places to drop off
20 household batteries or compact fluorescent light bulbs for
21 recycling; and
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23 WHEREAS, the residents of the qualifying counties are in
24 need of programs to increase public awareness of the importance
25 of recycling household batteries and compact fluorescent light
26 bulbs, and to establish convenient and permanent recycling
27 methods; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that each county within the
32 State of Hawaii is requested to develop and implement a program
33 to increase public awareness of the importance of recycling
34 household batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs, and to
35 establish convenient centers for the collection and recycling of
36 household batteries; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county within the State of
39 Hawaii is requested to develop and implement permanent drop-off
40 sites for batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and other
41 household hazardous material; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the



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1 Chairperson of the County Council, and the Director of
2 Environmental Services or Director of Environmental Management
3 of each county of the State.
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Yes always

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