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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING WATER CONSERVATION BY CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES AND
INITIATIVES TO INCENTIVIZE AND EDUCATE CONSUMERS AND
BUSINESSES ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

1 WHEREAS, water is a precious but finite resource in Hawaii
2 and throughout the country; and

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4 WHEREAS, water conservation helps ensure Hawaii will
5 continue to have an adequate and high-quality supply of water;
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8 WHEREAS, water conservation saves consumers money in
9 addition to benefitting the environment; and

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11 WHEREAS, residential consumers can save water through
12 simple efforts such as installing high efficiency toilets,
13 laundry machines, and dishwashers, using low-flow showerheads
14 and weather based irrigation controllers, and applying mulch to
15 gardens; and

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17 WHEREAS, businesses can save water by installing efficient
18 appliances such as food steamers, dishwashers, laundry machines,
19 toilets and urinals, as well as using automatic irrigation
20 systems and low flow faucets; and

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22 WHEREAS, installation of accurate water meters serves to
23 save water by detecting leaks and charging the customer only for
24 the amount of water they use which is a monetary incentive to
25 use less water; and

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27 WHEREAS, according to the Environmental Protection Agency,
28 water users can be encouraged to install water-efficient
29 equipment, appliances, or plumbing fixtures, repair water leaks,
30 and implement sound landscaping practices through incentives
31 such as rebates, tax breaks, vouchers, and conservation rate
32 structures; and



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2 WHEREAS, many states and counties throughout the United
3 States are already providing economic incentives for water
4 conservation efforts on top of automatic savings on monthly
5 water and electric bills; and

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7 WHEREAS, the most common incentives utilized are rebates
8 provided by local water utility companies for consumers who
9 purchase high efficiency appliances such as toilets, laundry
10 machines, and dishwashers; however, some states such as Oregon
11 offer a state income tax credit for buying new appliances that
12 save water and energy, and cities such as San Diego offer free
13 mulch for local residents; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that this body encourages
18 water conservation by consumers and businesses and initiatives
19 to educate and incentivize consumers and businesses about water
20 conservation efforts; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Water Supply for
23 the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Water Supply for
24 the County of Maui, Department of Water Supply for the County of
25 Hawaii, and Department of Water for the County of Kauai, are
26 encouraged to provide rebates to consumers and businesses
27 purchasing high-efficiency appliances as well as educate
28 consumers about water metering; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are encouraged to
31 increase efforts to educate the public about water conservation,
32 its benefits, and available economic incentives; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Manager-Chief
36 Engineer of the Board of Water Supply for the City and County of
37 Honolulu, Director of the Department of Water Supply for the
38 County of Maui, Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of
39 Water Supply for the County of Hawaii, Manager-Chief Engineer of
40 the Board of Water Supply for the County of Kauai, Mayor of the
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1 City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor
2 of the County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.

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