
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING AT THE STATE
CAPITOL WATER DISPENSERS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE
REFILLING OF REUSABLE CONTAINERS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes in the importance of
2 promoting a healthy lifestyle for those who work within the
3 Hawaii State Capitol, as well as members of the general public
4 participating in the legislative process; and
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6 WHEREAS, The Huffington Post reported in 2013 that 80
7 percent of the approximately 30,000,000,000 plastic water
8 bottles bought in the United States ended up in landfills, and
9 that 17,000,000 barrels of oil were needed each year to create
10 the bottles; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Mayo Clinic has reported that the Food and
13 Drug Administration's standards for bottled water and the
14 Environmental Protection Agency's standards for tap water are
15 similar, which ensures that both types of water are safe to
16 drink; additionally, bottled and tap water have proven nearly
17 identical in comparison taste tests by consumers; and
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19 WHEREAS, reusable water bottles are a simple, cost-
20 effective way to work toward curbing our dependence on plastic;
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23 WHEREAS, the State Capitol hosts more than twenty thousand
24 individual visitors each year, including tourists and
25 participants in the legislative process, as well as several
26 hundred Capitol employees; and
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28 WHEREAS, water dispensers that make refilling reusable
29 containers easy and convenient for Capitol staff and visitors
30 will encourage reduced consumption of disposable, plastic



1 beverage containers and demonstrate the State's commitment to
2 conserving natural resources and reducing waste; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
7 Accounting and General Services is requested to study the
8 feasibility of installing within the State Capitol additional
9 water dispensers designed to accommodate the refilling of
10 reusable containers and to consider installing such water
11 dispensers in state facilities such as the State Capitol to
12 promote health and well-being; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
15 and General Services shall submit a report of its findings and
16 recommendations, including proposed legislation, if any, to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the Regular Session of 2017; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
22 Governor, and the Comptroller.
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