
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE REPAIR AND STRONGLY CONSIDER
INSTALLING WATER FOUNTAINS IN THE STATE CAPITOL REFLECTING
POOLS TO EFFECTIVELY CLEAN THE POOLS, REDUCE COSTS, AND
ENHANCE THE HISTORIC VALUE OF THE CAPITOL DISTRICT.

1 WHEREAS, the State Capitol reflecting pools have long been
2 plagued by persistent algae growth and have become stagnant
3 because of inadequate water circulation and no filtration; and
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5 WHEREAS, it has been reported that it costs \$100,000
6 annually for state workers to continually clean the pools and
7 that it would take approximately \$15,200,000 to fix the
8 reflecting pools; and
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10 WHEREAS, the construction of water fountains in the
11 reflecting pools would make the pools essentially self-cleaning
12 by circulating the now-stagnant water and have the added
13 benefits of reducing algae growth, lessening foul odors, and
14 saving money on cleaning expenditures, which could be reinvested
15 to repair and improve the reflecting pools or be used to fund
16 other needs such as restoring staff and long-term care services
17 at Leahi Hospital and Maluhia long term care facility; and
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19 WHEREAS, adding dynamic water fountain shows would enliven
20 the State Capitol and maximize its exposure to a worldwide
21 audience; and
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23 WHEREAS, the implementation of biweekly, evening water
24 shows at the State Capitol will draw visitors and strengthen the
25 State's tourism industry, and, according to the State Historic
26 Preservation Division, provide an opportunity for more members
27 of the public and tourists to explore and appreciate the history
28 and architecture of the historic Capitol District; and



1 WHEREAS, according to the State Historic Preservation
2 Division, the installation of water fountains in the reflecting
3 pools can probably be executed in a manner that will not affect
4 the historic character and integrity of the State Capitol and
5 may be less intrusive than altering the existing pools beyond
6 the original design intent; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
9 is charged under section 26-6(b)(6), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
10 with the maintenance of public buildings, including the State
11 Capitol reflecting pools; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 2011, a Department of Accounting and General
14 Services property condition report on the reflecting pools
15 reported that existing and projected issues with water
16 circulation, aeration, corrosion, algae, water clarity, and
17 maintenance could be addressed by adding water fountain jets and
18 a reverse osmosis filtration system, among other options; and
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20 WHEREAS, computerized, three-dimensional simulation models
21 of the State Capitol reflecting pools with the proposed water
22 fountains show a finished product with a modern, stylish, and
23 tasteful appearance; and
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25 WHEREAS, the restoration of the State Capitol reflecting
26 pools with new water fountains would have long-term financial,
27 environmental, and aesthetic benefits, and fully reflect
28 Hawaii's spirit of aloha, beauty, and pride; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2016, that the Department of Accounting and General
33 Services is requested to repair the State Capitol reflecting
34 pools and to strongly consider installing new water fountains to
35 effectively clean the pools, reduce costs, and enhance the
36 historic value of the Capitol District; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
2 and General Services is requested to submit a report of its
3 progress in repairing the State Capitol reflecting pools and its
4 consideration of installing water fountains, including any
5 recommendations for proposed legislation, to the Legislature no
6 later than 20 days prior to the convening the Regular Session of
7 2017; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the State Comptroller,
11 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division, and
12 building manager of the State Capitol Building.

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