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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reducing waste and  
2 water and energy use are necessary to protect the State's  
3 delicate island ecosystem. Certain practices, such as recycling  
4 of bottles and cans, ban on plastic bags, and increased use of  
5 compostable items have helped to preserve the State's ocean  
6 environment, but more still needs to be done. The legislature  
7 further finds that the State Capitol is an ideal place to lead  
8 by example, where small changes could be relatively inexpensive  
9 and easy to implement.

10           The purpose of this Act is to:

11           (1) Establish the ocean-friendly capitol program to  
12 encourage offices within the State Capitol to commit  
13 to ocean-friendly practices; and

14           (2) Appropriate funds for the installation of ocean-  
15 friendly measures within the State Capitol.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4 "§6E- State capitol; ocean-friendly capitol program;  
5 established. (a) The state capitol management committee shall  
6 establish an ocean-friendly capitol program to set an example  
7 for the State as a place of ocean-friendly practices. The  
8 department of accounting and general services shall provide  
9 administrative support to the state capitol management committee  
10 in conducting the program.

11 The ocean-friendly capitol program shall provide stickers  
12 to participants, which participants may post on office doors  
13 designating their office as an ocean-friendly office. To  
14 receive the stickers, participants shall commit to the  
15 following:

- 16 (1) No use of expanded polystyrene within the office;  
17 (2) No beverages in single-use plastic bottles and single  
18 use coffee pods within the office;  
19 (3) No plastic straws or stirrers for any meals, catering,  
20 or office kitchen supplies within the office, except  
21 as needed to accommodate a person with a disability;



- 1        (4) Adherence to proper recycling practices;
- 2        (5) Use of only reusable or compostable tableware for
- 3        onsite dining within the office; and
- 4        (6) No use of plastic bags for any element of business
- 5        within the office.
- 6        (b) Participants shall also commit to at least two of the
- 7        following:
- 8        (1) Use of only reusable kitchenware, including cups,
- 9        mugs, and bags;
- 10       (2) Commuting of at least one office occupant exclusively
- 11       by walking, biking, carpooling, public transit, or a
- 12       zero-emission vehicle;
- 13       (3) Availability of vegetarian or vegan food options when
- 14       catering or ordering meals;
- 15       (4) Service of only seafood designated as a "Best Choice"
- 16       or "Good Alternative" by the Seafood Watch program or
- 17       otherwise certified as sustainable;
- 18       (5) Implementation of water conservation efforts, such as
- 19       low-flow faucets;
- 20       (6) Installation of energy efficiency technology, such as
- 21       LED lighting and Energy Star appliances; and



1           (7) Implementation of paperless office practices including  
2           for the use or distribution of legislative documents."

3           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2020-2021 for the installation of ocean-friendly measures in the  
8 State Capitol, including the following:

- 9           (1) Installation of compost bins for food waste in all  
10           offices;
- 11           (2) Cardboard recycling bins on every floor;
- 12           (3) Installation of mini-dishwashers attached to a water  
13           line in all offices and in the third and fourth floor  
14           utility sinks located in the women's restrooms;
- 15           (4) Upgrades to appliances to improve efficiency and  
16           reduce electricity use;
- 17           (5) Upgrades to water fountains which incorporate water-  
18           bottle filling stations; and
- 19           (6) Purchase of paper towels and toilet paper made from  
20           recycled material.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4.   New statutory material is underscored.

4           SECTION 5.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2100.



**Report Title:**

State Capitol; Ocean-friendly Capitol Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Ocean-friendly Capitol Program to encourage offices within the State Capitol to commit to ocean-friendly practices. Appropriates funds for the installation of ocean-friendly measures in the State Capitol. (HB847 HD1)

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