
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
IDENTIFY ALL APPROPRIATE SITES AT STATE PARKS AT WHICH A
WATER-BOTTLE FILLING STATION COULD BE INSTALLED.

1 WHEREAS, drinking water is a vital necessity for
2 individuals and should be readily accessible for those enjoying
3 Hawaii's state parks, where parkgoers are active and subject to
4 sun exposure; and

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6 WHEREAS, single-use plastic beverage containers contribute
7 to environmental degradation and pollution of state parks and
8 adjacent marine environments; and

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10 WHEREAS, many Hawaii residents have developed the habit of
11 carrying refillable water bottles with them to protect the
12 environment and to save money by avoiding the purchase of
13 beverages; and

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15 WHEREAS, a decrease in the use of plastic water bottles
16 also reduces the amount of public expenditures incurred from
17 shipping them to an off-island treatment and processing facility
18 for recycling; and

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20 WHEREAS, a grant was awarded in 2018 by the Marine Debris
21 Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
22 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, resulting in
23 the purchase and implementation of nineteen water-bottle filling
24 stations in three different styles in state parks across Kauai,
25 Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii island; and

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27 WHEREAS, Hawaii has fifty-one state parks, many of which
28 are large and can benefit from additional water-bottle filling
29 stations; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



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1 Session of 2024, that the Department of Land and Natural
2 Resources is requested to identify all appropriate sites at
3 state parks at which a water-bottle filling station could be
4 installed, including those where infrastructure for water hook-
5 ups is already present; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
8 Natural Resources is requested to consider multiple sites for
9 water-bottle filling stations at large state parks; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
13 Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY:

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