
SENATE RESOLUTION

DEMANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAM, WITH SPECIFIC FOCUS ON THE COLLECTION OF HI-5 RECYCLABLE ITEMS, TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL OFFICES AT THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii benefits from natural beauty and unique
2 ecosystems that are vital to the State's culture, economy, and
3 way of life; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State faces significant environmental
6 challenges due to its limited land availability and the growing
7 pressure of waste management; and
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9 WHEREAS, landfill space in Hawaii is critically limited,
10 and the expansion of landfills threatens the State's environment
11 and communities; and
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13 WHEREAS, recycling reduces the need for landfills,
14 conserves natural resources, minimizes the environmental impact
15 of waste, and offers a sustainable solution to some of the
16 State's waste management issues; and
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18 WHEREAS, the State has established goals to reduce, reuse,
19 and recycle waste products but has not made these efforts
20 mandatory, which limits their effectiveness and participation
21 rates; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Legislature should lead by example in
24 environmental stewardship efforts, demonstrating the State's
25 commitment to sustainable practices; and
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27 WHEREAS, a comprehensive recycling program at the Hawaii
28 State Capitol would serve as a model for sustainable waste
29 management practices and would encourage businesses,
30 organizations, and individuals to adopt similar recycling
31 measures; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
3 that the Department of Accounting and General Services is
4 demanded to develop a comprehensive recycling program, with
5 specific focus on the collection of HI-5 recyclable items, to be
6 implemented in all offices at the Hawaii State Capitol; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller,
10 President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives.

