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## HOUSE CONCURRENT 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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
4 Land and Natural Resources is requested to identify all  
5 appropriate sites at state parks at which a water-bottle filling  
6 station could be installed, including those where infrastructure  
7 for water hook-ups is already present; and

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

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

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