SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO
PROVIDE UNIVERSAL CHANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALL STATE
FACILITIES, STATE PARKS, AND CITY AND COUNTY PARKS.

WHEREAS, all people in the State, including keiki, kupuna, and people with disabilities, deserve an equal opportunity to participate in basic civic activities and everyday events; and

WHEREAS, a person's inability to utilize conventional restroom facilities directly affects their ability to enjoy and fully participate in public activities or access public spaces; and

WHEREAS, some people with disabilities require help with toileting and are unable to use standard handicap-accessible restrooms; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities and their families, friends, and caretakers often face challenges participating in daily activities and outings due to a lack of accessible changing accommodations; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities requiring toileting assistance often face the choice of staying home and out of public spaces, being laid down on a restroom floor to be changed by their caregiver, leaving public places or events to be changed inside a vehicle, or returning home; and

WHEREAS, universal changing accommodations include height-adjustable changing tables that may be used by everyone needing toileting assistance; and

WHEREAS, universal changing accommodations provide a safe, sanitary, private, and dignified space to be changed and cleaned by a caregiver when participating in public activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation are requested to provide universal changing accommodations in all state facilities, state parks, and city and county parks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation are more specifically requested to provide universal changing accommodations in at least one restroom accessible to women and men, respectively, and in at least one family or gender-neutral restroom, if one exists, in each facility or park; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.