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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING WATER CONSERVATION BY CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES AND
INITIATIVES TO INCENTIVIZE AND EDUCATE CONSUMERS AND
BUSINESSES ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

1 WHEREAS, water is a precious but finite resource in Hawaii
2 and throughout the country; and
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4 WHEREAS, water conservation helps ensure Hawaii will
5 continue to have an adequate and high-quality supply of water;
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8 WHEREAS, water conservation saves consumers money in
9 addition to benefitting the environment; and
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11 WHEREAS, residential consumers can save water through
12 simple efforts such as installing high efficiency toilets,
13 laundry machines, and dishwashers, using low-flow showerheads
14 and weather based irrigation controllers, and applying mulch to
15 gardens; and
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17 WHEREAS, businesses can save water by installing efficient
18 appliances such as food steamers, dishwashers, laundry machines,
19 toilets and urinals, as well as using automatic irrigation
20 systems and low flow faucets; and
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22 WHEREAS, installation of accurate water meters serves to
23 save water by detecting leaks and charging the customer only for
24 the amount of water they use which is a monetary incentive to
25 use less water; and
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27 WHEREAS, according to the Environmental Protection Agency,
28 water users can be encouraged to install water-efficient
29 equipment, appliances, or plumbing fixtures, repair water leaks,
30 and implement sound landscaping practices through incentives
31 such as rebates, tax breaks, vouchers, and conservation rate
32 structures; and
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34 WHEREAS, many states and counties throughout the United
35 States are already providing economic incentives for water



1 conservation efforts on top of automatic savings on monthly
2 water and electric bills; and

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4 WHEREAS, the most common incentives utilized are rebates
5 provided by local water utility companies for consumers who
6 purchase high efficiency appliances such as toilets, laundry
7 machines, and dishwashers; however, some states such as Oregon
8 offer a state income tax credit for buying new appliances that
9 save water and energy, and cities such as San Diego offer free
10 mulch for local residents; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
14 that this body encourages water conservation by consumers and
15 businesses and initiatives to educate and incentivize consumers
16 and businesses about water conservation efforts; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Water Supply for
19 the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Water Supply for
20 the County of Maui, Department of Water Supply for the County of
21 Hawaii, and Department of Water for the County of Kauai, are
22 encouraged to provide rebates to consumers and businesses
23 purchasing high-efficiency appliances as well as educate
24 consumers about water metering; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are encouraged to
27 increase efforts to educate the public about water conservation,
28 its benefits, and available economic incentives; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Manager-Chief Engineer of the
32 Board of Water Supply for the City and County of Honolulu,
33 Director of the Department of Water Supply for the County of
34 Maui, Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply
35 for the County of Hawaii, Manager-Chief Engineer of the Board of
36 Water Supply for the County of Kauai, Mayor of the City and
37 County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the
38 County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.

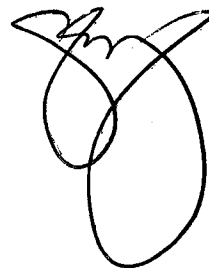
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