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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A POLICY TO PROHIBIT SUPPLIES PURCHASED DURING EMERGENCIES FROM BEING RETURNED TO STORES.

WHEREAS, when emergencies arise, certain supplies tend to 1 2 be purchased in excessive amounts; and 3 4 WHEREAS, during emergencies, stores often sell out of 5 supplies such as bottled water, nonperishable foods, and toilet 6 paper; and 7 8 WHEREAS, due to excessive buying, once an emergency situation has passed, large amounts of these supplies tend to be 9 returned to stores, sometimes in a damaged state, for refunds; 10 and 11 12 WHEREAS, this practice is extremely wasteful and causes 13 financial harm to retailers, who are often required to dispose 14 15 of these returned supplies; now, therefore, 16 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature 18 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of Representatives concurring, that, due to health and safety 19 concerns, the Retail Merchants of Hawaii is urged to establish a 20 policy to prohibit supplies purchased during emergencies from 21 being returned to stores; and 22 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 24 25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of 26 Directors of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii. 27 28 OFFERED BY: Kurt Fulla 29

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