
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC GOODS AND PLASTIC BAGS AND TO SET A SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TABLEWARE AT STATE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the impact of the world's waste stream is
2 unsustainable and detrimental to the future of Hawaii's
3 environment and people; and

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5 WHEREAS, plastic goods and other carbon-based products
6 contribute to the environmental degradation of Hawai'i; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State is obligated to act in the best interest
9 of the residents' health and welfare; and

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11 WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount of plastic waste
12 directly improves the carbon-based waste stream of the State;
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15 WHEREAS, Maui County and Hawaii County have already started
16 reducing the amount of plastic waste in the State by banning
17 polystyrene containers; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council recently passed a bill
20 banning most single-use plastic goods and bags; and

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22 WHEREAS, the State is committed to significantly reduce its
23 waste production and eliminate carbon-based single-use plastics
24 by 2030; and

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26 WHEREAS, the attendees of the 26th Annual Children and
27 Youth Summit voted that the reduction of single-use plastic in
28 the State is a priority concern that needs to be addressed; now,
29 therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of
 3 2020, the Senate concurring, that the State is urged to ban the
 4 use of single-use plastic goods and plastic bags according to
 5 the same standards set forth in Bill 40, as passed by the
 6 Honolulu City Council in 2019; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is urged to set a
 9 sustainability example by eliminating the use of single-use
 10 plastic tableware at all state department meetings and
 11 functions; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
 15 Comptroller; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Attorney
 16 General; Director of Finance; Director of Business, Economic
 17 Development, and Tourism; Director of Commerce and Consumer
 18 Affairs; Adjutant General; Superintendent of Education;
 19 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of Human
 20 Resources Development; Director of Human Services; Director of
 21 Labor and Industrial Relations; Chairperson of the Board of Land
 22 and Natural Resources; Director of Public Safety; Director of
 23 Taxation; and Director of Transportation.

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