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# SENATE 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 Hawaii; 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;  
13          and  
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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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31          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
32          of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the State



1 is urged to ban the use of single-use plastic goods and plastic  
2 bags consistent with the similar ordinance passed by the  
3 Honolulu City Council; and

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

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

