
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF, AND PROCEDURES FOR, IMPLEMENTING A BULKY WASTE ITEM REDEMPTION PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 342H, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 the illegal disposal of solid waste, or illegal dumping, may
3 result in, among other things, a petty misdemeanor or felony
4 conviction, depending on the volume and size of the illegally
5 dumped waste items; and

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7 WHEREAS, nevertheless, illegal dumping continues to plague
8 the State; and

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10 WHEREAS, the illegal dumping of bulky waste items,
11 including motor vehicles, tires, mattresses, and scrap metal, on
12 Hawaii's streets and beaches and in Hawaii's streams poses
13 public health, safety, aesthetic, and environmental concerns;
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16 WHEREAS, the Hawaii deposit beverage container program was
17 established in 2002 to increase participation in recycling and
18 reduce litter; and

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20 WHEREAS, through this program, deposit beverage
21 distributors are assessed a deposit beverage container fee on
22 each eligible beverage container, after which the eligible
23 beverage containers may then be redeemed for a refund of the
24 fee at an authorized redemption center; and

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26 WHEREAS, implementation of a bulky waste items redemption
27 program, similar to the deposit beverage container program, may
28 help to curb the illegal dumping of bulky waste items throughout
29 the State; now, therefore,



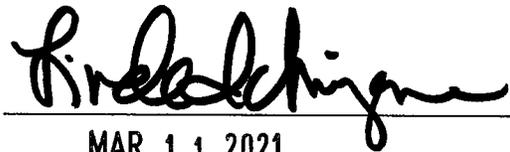
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Environmental
4 Management Division of the Department of Health is requested to
5 conduct a study on the feasibility of, and procedures for,
6 implementing a bulky waste item redemption program, either
7 through establishment of a new redemption program or inclusion
8 of bulky waste items in the existing Hawaii deposit beverage
9 container program; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Management
12 Division is requested to submit a report of its findings and
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
14 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the Regular Session of 2022; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
19 and Chief of the Environmental Management Division of the
20 Department of Health.

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