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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO REFURBISH ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR REUSE.

1 WHEREAS, the use of electronic devices has grown
2 substantially over the past two decades; and
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4 WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental
5 Protection Agency, Americans have generated approximately three
6 million tons of waste in consumer electronics goods per year
7 during the last decade; and
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9 WHEREAS, while recycling of electronic devices prevents
10 valuable materials from going into the waste stream, preventing
11 waste in the first place is preferable to any waste management
12 option; and
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14 WHEREAS, reusing items, such as electronic devices, is also
15 beneficial to reducing consumer waste and can save state
16 government in costs associated with purchasing new devices or
17 equipment when items can be reused or refurbished instead; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Procurement
23 Office is requested to convene a working group to propose
24 legislation that will allow state departments and agencies to
25 refurbish electronic devices for reuse; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
28 to include the following members:
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- 1 (1) The Administrator of the State Procurement Office or
2 the Administrator's designee, who shall serve as chair
3 of the working group;
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- 5 (2) The State Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee;
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- 7 (3) A representative from the Department of the Attorney
8 General;
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- 10 (4) A representative from the Department of Education;
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- 12 (5) A representative from the Office of Enterprise
13 Technology Services;
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- 15 (6) A representative from the refurbishing industry;
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- 17 (7) A representative from the recycling industry;
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- 19 (8) A representative from the electronics industry;
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- 21 (9) A representative from an environmental nonprofit
22 organization; and
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- 24 (10) A state legislator representing each county, to be
25 selected jointly by the President of the Senate and
26 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the working group
29 is requested to invite any other parties to participate on the
30 working group as necessary; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
33 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
34 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature prior to
35 the convening of the Regular Session of 2023, that will allow
36 state departments and agencies to refurbish electronic devices
37 for reuse; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the
41 State Procurement Office, State Comptroller, Attorney General,



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1 Superintendent of Education, and Chief Information Officer of
2 the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

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OFFERED BY:

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