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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON PREVENTING CLOTHES DRYER FIRES IN HOMES AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT PREVENTATIVE MEASURES.

1 WHEREAS, between 2010 through 2014, United States fire  
2 departments responded to an estimated average of 15,970 home  
3 structure fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines  
4 each year; and

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6 WHEREAS, those fires caused annual averages of thirteen  
7 civilian deaths, four hundred forty-four civilian injuries, and  
8 \$238,000,000 in direct property damage; and

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10 WHEREAS, ninety-two percent of fires involved clothes  
11 dryers; and

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13 WHEREAS, fires caused by dryer malfunctions or lint buildup  
14 have occurred consistently in the past and continue to occur in  
15 the present despite improvements in technology; and

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17 WHEREAS, in 2017, a dryer fire in Kailua-Kona forced the  
18 evacuation of an entire condo; in 2019, a dryer fire in Kunia  
19 caused from too much lint injured a resident; and in 2021, a  
20 dryer fire in Aiea displaced a family of five and resulted in  
21 thousands of dollars in damages; and

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23 WHEREAS, many homes, as well as condo associations, have  
24 postponed services to clean clothes dryer vents due to the  
25 pandemic and have delayed service for almost two years; now,  
26 therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Fire Council



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1 is requested to establish an educational awareness campaign on  
2 preventing clothes dryer fires; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Fire Council is  
5 requested to work with home insurance companies, property  
6 management companies, cooperative housing corporations,  
7 homeowners associations, planned community associations, and  
8 condominium associations on implementing preventative measures  
9 within their residential communities; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
13 State Fire Council.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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