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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSTRUCT
AND OPERATE NON-CHEMICAL, MINERAL-BASED SUNSCREEN
DISPENSERS AT ALL STATE BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, the use of chemical-based sunscreen is detrimental
2 to the health of Hawai'i's coral reef ecosystems; and
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4 WHEREAS, the National Ocean Service finds that the
5 chemicals in both lotion and aerosol sunscreens can impair the
6 growth of plants, stunt and deform animals, and contribute to
7 the bleaching of coral; and
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9 WHEREAS, Act 104, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 (Act 104),
10 banned the sale, offer for sale, or distribution in the State of
11 any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate, or both,
12 without a medically-licensed prescription; and
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14 WHEREAS, following the enactment of Act 104, there have
15 been additional efforts to expand the ban to include more
16 chemicals, such as avobenzone and octocrylene, that negatively
17 impact Hawai'i's fragile coral reefs; and
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19 WHEREAS, opponents have expressed concerns with limited
20 stock of approved sunscreens available across the State for
21 consumers, which has halted efforts to further protect Hawai'i's
22 coral reefs; and
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24 WHEREAS, an alternative mineral-based sunscreen exists that
25 protects consumers from skin cancer and does not harm the reef
26 ecosystems; and
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28 WHEREAS, to provide greater accessibility of approved
29 sunscreens for park users, the first dispenser of mineral-based
30 sunscreen in a Hawai'i state park was established in November
31 2021 at the Waialae section of Hāpuna Beach State Recreation
32 Area on the west coast of Hawai'i Island; and
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S.R. NO. 166

1 WHEREAS, the deployment of sunscreen dispensers at state
2 beaches will ease the burden of securing reef-safe sunscreens
3 for use by residents and visitors alike, as well as further
4 protect Hawai'i's coral reef ecosystems; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
8 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
9 to expand the installation of mineral-based sunscreen dispensers
10 to all state beaches to decrease the amount of chemicals
11 impacting Hawai'i's reef ecosystems; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
14 Natural Resources is requested to utilize funds obtained through
15 commercial marine license fees and fines collected from
16 violations of permits to take aquatic life for aquarium purposes
17 to fund the installation of mineral-based sunscreen dispensers
18 at all state beaches; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its actions
22 and progress, including any proposed legislation, to the
23 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
24 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
28 Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

