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SENATE 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,
22 that the State Procurement Office is requested to convene a
23 working group to propose legislation that will allow state
24 departments and agencies to refurbish electronic devices for
25 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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30 (1) The Administrator of the State Procurement Office or
31 the Administrator's designee, who shall serve as chair
32 of the working group;
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34 (2) The State Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee;



- (3) A representative from the Department of the Attorney General;
- (4) A representative from the Department of Education;
- (5) A representative from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services;
- (6) A representative from the refurbishing industry;
- (7) A representative from the recycling industry;
- (8) A representative from the electronics industry;
- (9) A representative from an environmental nonprofit organization; and
- (10) A state legislator representing each county, to be selected jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the working group is requested to invite any other parties to participate on the working group as necessary; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the State Procurement Office, State Comptroller, Attorney General, Superintendent of Education, and Chief Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

OFFERED BY:

