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SENATE 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,
30 that the State Fire Council is requested to establish an
31 educational awareness campaign on preventing clothes dryer
32 fires; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Fire Council is
2 requested to work with home insurance companies, property
3 management companies, cooperative housing corporations,
4 homeowners associations, planned community associations, and
5 condominium associations on implementing preventative measures
6 within their residential communities; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State Fire
10 Council.
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OFFERED BY:

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