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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WATER  
FLUORIDATION WORKING GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, many residents in the State do not have dental  
2 care insurance; and

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4           WHEREAS, the State also received a failing grade in three  
5 recent oral health report cards published by the Pew Center on  
6 the States, a division of the Pew Charitable Trusts; and

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8           WHEREAS, increasing the concentration of fluoride, a  
9 naturally occurring mineral, in the public water supply to an  
10 optimal level benefits all people who drink therefrom, promoting  
11 good oral health to prevent or even reverse tooth decay; and

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13           WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease  
14 Control and Prevention, water fluoridation is both safe and the  
15 most cost-effective way of preventing tooth decay; and

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17           WHEREAS, presently, the State's public water systems have  
18 no added fluoride, with the exception of military bases; and

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20           WHEREAS, water fluoridation may address ongoing oral health  
21 issues across the State by providing communities with enough  
22 fluoride in local water systems to prevent tooth decay; now,  
23 therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health  
28 is requested to convene a Water Fluoridation Working Group to  
29 collaborate on determining the best practices for, and  
30 addressing obstacles to fluoridating the State's drinking water;  
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