THE SENATE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

S.C.R. NO. 239

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL CHANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALL STATE FACILITIES, STATE PARKS, AND CITY AND COUNTY PARKS.

1 2 3 4	WHEREAS, all people in the State deserve an equal opportunity to participate in basic civic activities and everyday events, including keiki, kupuna, and people with disabilities; and
5 6 7 8 9	WHEREAS, a person's inability to utilize conventional restroom facilities directly affects their ability to enjoy and fully participate in public activities or access public spaces; and
10 11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, some people with disabilities require help with toileting and are unable to use standard handicap-accessible restrooms; and
15 16 17 18	WHEREAS, people with disabilities and their families, friends, and caretakers often face challenges participating in daily activities and outings due to a lack of accessible changing accommodations; and
19 20 21 22 23 24	WHEREAS, people with disabilities requiring toileting assistance often face the choice of staying home and out of public spaces, being laid down on a restroom floor to be changed by their caregiver, leaving public places or events to be changed inside a vehicle, or returning home; and
25 26 27 28	WHEREAS, universal changing accommodations include height- adjustable changing tables that may be used by everyone needing toileting assistance; and

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1 WHEREAS, universal changing accommodations provide a safe, sanitary, private, and dignified space to be changed and cleaned 2 by a caregiver when participating in public activities; now, 3 therefore, 4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of 8 Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural 9 Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of 10 11 Parks and Recreation is requested to provide universal changing accommodations in all state facilities, state parks, and city 12 13 and county parks; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, 16 and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and 17 Recreation are more specifically requested to provide universal 18 19 changing accommodations in at least one restroom accessible to women and men, respectively, and in at least one family or 20 gender-neutral restroom, if one exists, in each facility or 21 22 park; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural 26 27 Resources, Administrator of the Division of State Parks, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the City and 28 29 County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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