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SENATE 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 WHEREAS, all people in the State deserve an equal
2 opportunity to participate in basic civic activities and
3 everyday events, including keiki, kupuna, and people with
4 disabilities; and

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6 WHEREAS, a person's inability to utilize conventional
7 restroom facilities directly affects their ability to enjoy and
8 fully participate in public activities or access public spaces;
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11 WHEREAS, some people with disabilities require help with
12 toileting and are unable to use standard handicap-accessible
13 restrooms; and

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15 WHEREAS, people with disabilities and their families,
16 friends, and caretakers often face challenges participating in
17 daily activities and outings due to a lack of accessible
18 changing accommodations; and

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20 WHEREAS, people with disabilities requiring toileting
21 assistance often face the choice of staying home and out of
22 public spaces, being laid down on a restroom floor to be changed
23 by their caregiver, leaving public places or events to be
24 changed inside a vehicle, or returning home; and

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26 WHEREAS, universal changing accommodations include height-
27 adjustable changing tables that may be used by everyone needing
28 toileting assistance; and

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30 WHEREAS, universal changing accommodations provide a safe,
31 sanitary, private, and dignified space to be changed and cleaned



1 by a caregiver when participating in public activities; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
6 that the Department of Accounting and General Services,
7 Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and
8 County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation is
9 requested to provide universal changing accommodations in all
10 state facilities, state parks, and city and county parks; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
13 and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources,
14 and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and
15 Recreation are more specifically requested to provide universal
16 changing accommodations in at least one restroom accessible to
17 women and men, respectively, and in at least one family or
18 gender-neutral restroom, if one exists, in each facility or
19 park; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller,
23 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
24 Administrator of the Division of State Parks, Mayor of the City
25 and County of Honolulu, and Director of the City and County
26 Department of Parks and Recreation.
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