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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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 from it, 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, other  
18 than those serving military bases have no added fluoride; 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 2026, 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  
31 water; and  
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# S.C.R. NO. 1

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Water Fluoridation Working  
2 Group is requested to consist of the following members:

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- 4 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,  
5 who shall serve as Chairperson of the Working Group;  
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- 7 (2) A representative from the Board of Water Supply of the  
8 City and County of Honolulu;  
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- 10 (3) A representative from the Department of Water of the  
11 County of Kauai;  
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- 13 (4) A representative from the Department of Water Supply  
14 of the County of Maui; and  
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- 16 (5) A representative from the Department of Water Supply  
17 of the County of Hawaii; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Water Fluoridation Working  
20 Group is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
22 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
23 the Regular Session of 2027; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Water Fluoridation Working  
26 Group is requested to dissolve on June 30, 2027; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
30 Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply of the  
31 City and County of Honolulu, Director of the Department of Water  
32 Supply of the County of Maui, Manager-Chief Engineer of the  
33 Department of Water Supply of the County of Hawaii, and Manager  
34 and Chief Engineer of the Department of Water of the County of  
35 Kauai.  
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OFFERED BY: 

