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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONSIDER  
DEVELOPING A FACILITY TO DISCARD LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES.

1           WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries pose significant  
2 environmental and public safety risks when damaged or improperly  
3 disposed of, including fire and explosion hazards in landfills  
4 and waste processing facilities; and  
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6           WHEREAS, despite laws regulating the disposal of lithium-  
7 ion batteries, many are improperly discarded and end up in  
8 landfills or other inappropriate parts of the solid waste  
9 system; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the improper disposal of rechargeable lithium-ion  
12 batteries creates unnecessary safety hazards for workers and  
13 surrounding residents, while also posing environmental threats  
14 to the State's land and water resources, including the aquifer;  
15 and  
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17           WHEREAS, Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025 (Act 209),  
18 established the Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Reuse  
19 Working Group to examine how to maximize the recycling and reuse  
20 of electric vehicle batteries and recommend electric vehicle  
21 battery management practices; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Reuse  
24 Working Group included representatives from various sectors  
25 throughout the electric vehicle battery industry, including  
26 researchers, policymakers, manufacturers, shippers, and end-of-  
27 life recycling facilities; and  
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29           WHEREAS, Act 209 received broad support from the electric  
30 vehicle battery industry to address the complex risks associated  
31 with electric vehicle batteries, including fire hazards from  
32 lithium-ion batteries; and  
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1 WHEREAS, establishing accessible, safe, and properly  
2 managed lithium-ion battery disposal infrastructure at the  
3 county level would reduce fire risks, protect environmental  
4 resources, and support the responsible management of end-of-life  
5 batteries; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of  
10 Honolulu is requested to consider developing a facility to  
11 discard lithium-ion batteries, including but not limited to  
12 developing a wet shredding facility in conjunction with the  
13 Honolulu Program of Waste Energy Recovery (H-POWER) to discard  
14 lithium-ion batteries or electric vehicle batteries for end-of-  
15 life use; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Energy Officer  
19 of the Hawaii State Energy Office, Mayor of the City and County  
20 of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council, and  
21 Director of the Department of Environmental Services of the City  
22 and County of Honolulu.

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25 OFFERED BY:

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