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## SENATE 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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34           WHEREAS, establishing accessible, safe, and properly  
35 managed lithium-ion battery disposal infrastructure at the  
36 county level would reduce fire risks, protect environmental



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1 resources, and support the responsible management of end-of-life  
2 batteries; now, 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 2026,  
6 that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to consider  
7 developing a facility to discard lithium-ion batteries,  
8 including but not limited to developing a wet shredding facility  
9 in conjunction with the Honolulu Program of Waste Energy  
10 Recovery (H-POWER) to discard lithium-ion batteries or electric  
11 vehicle batteries for end-of-life use; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Energy Officer of the  
15 Hawaii State Energy Office, Mayor of the City and County of  
16 Honolulu, Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council, and Director  
17 of the Department of Environmental Services of the City and  
18 County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:

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