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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONTINUE EFFORTS  
TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING  
HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES AND COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS.

1 WHEREAS, household batteries are used ubiquitously  
2 throughout the City and County of Honolulu; and

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4 WHEREAS, household batteries may contaminate the  
5 environment when improperly disposed of, including the release  
6 of pollutants into the air when incinerated; and

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8 WHEREAS, compact fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury  
9 and, if broken, may contaminate the environment by releasing  
10 mercury into the air; and

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12 WHEREAS, the safest means of disposing of household  
13 batteries, as well as compact fluorescent light bulbs and the  
14 heavy metals within them, is by means of recycling; and

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16 WHEREAS, recycling of household batteries results in the  
17 separation of the plastic components and metals for reuse in new  
18 plastic products, batteries, and other products; and

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20 WHEREAS, people throughout the City and County of Honolulu  
21 are unaware that improper disposal of household batteries and  
22 compact fluorescent light bulbs may contaminate the environment,  
23 or that household batteries may be safely recycled and where to  
24 recycle them; and

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26 WHEREAS, the residents of the City and County of Honolulu  
27 are in need of a program to increase public awareness of the  
28 importance of recycling household batteries and compact  
29 fluorescent light bulbs; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
33 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the City and County  
34 of Honolulu is requested to continue efforts to increase public



1 awareness on the importance of recycling household batteries and  
2 compact fluorescent light bulbs; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City  
6 and County of Honolulu, the Chairperson of the City Council of  
7 the City and County of Honolulu, and the Director of the City  
8 and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services.

