
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT
REQUIRES INTERNET RETAILERS TO OFFER SHIPPING FEES FOR
POSTAGE TO ALASKA AND HAWAII THAT ARE COMPARABLE TO
SHIPPING FEES FOR POSTAGE TO THE FORTY-EIGHT CONTIGUOUS
STATES.

1 WHEREAS, many internet retailers advertise sales and other
2 promotional events that feature free or reduced shipping fees
3 for customers; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of these retail merchants' websites are
6 accessed by businesses and individual consumers in Hawaii who
7 wish to take advantage of offers for free or discounted shipping
8 for internet orders; and
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10 WHEREAS, however, these discounted or free shipping rates
11 are frequently available only to customers who live in the
12 contiguous forty-eight states and are not available to customers
13 who request their order to be shipped to Hawaii or Alaska; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii customers of internet retailers are
16 routinely charged disproportionately higher shipping fees than
17 other customers who live in the forty-eight contiguous states;
18 now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress
23 is requested to pass legislation that requires internet
24 retailers to offer shipping fees for shipment to Alaska and
25 Hawaii that are comparable to shipping fees for goods that are
26 sent to any of the forty-eight contiguous states; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of



1 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
2 Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation,
3 and the United States Postmaster General.
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