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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PETITIONING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE STATES, TO REQUIRE, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, THAT THE FEDERAL BUDGET BE BALANCED; OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING SUCH AN AMENDMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION.

1 WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes deeply
2 in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed
3 available revenues so that the public debt now exceeds four
4 trillion dollars; and
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6 WHEREAS, attempts to limit spending, including the
7 impoundment of funds by the President of the United States, have
8 resulted in strenuous assertions that the responsibility for
9 appropriations is the constitutional duty of the Congress; and
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11 WHEREAS, the annual federal budget repeatedly demonstrates
12 the unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and
13 executive branches of the Federal government to curtail spending
14 to conform to available revenues; and
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16 WHEREAS, the unified budget does not reflect actual
17 spending because of the exclusion of special outlays which are
18 not in the budget; and
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20 WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning and fiscal prudence require
21 that the budget reflect all federal spending and that the budget
22 be in balance; and
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24 WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the
25 federal level is one of the greatest economic threats which
26 faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional
27 restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to
28 reverse this trend; and
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1 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United
2 States, amendments to the U.S. Constitution may be proposed by
3 the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it
4 necessary, or on the application of the legislatures of two-
5 thirds of the several states the Congress shall call a
6 constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing
7 amendments; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress of the
12 United States of America is hereby petitioned to adopt an
13 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for
14 submission to the states for ratification, requiring, with
15 certain exceptions, that for each fiscal year the President of
16 the United States submit and the Congress of the United States
17 adopt a balanced federal budget; or, in the alternative,
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED effective July 1, 2012 that pursuant
20 to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the
21 Legislature makes application to the Congress of the United
22 States of America to call a convention for the specific and
23 exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution
24 of the United States, for submission to the states for
25 ratification, requiring, with certain exceptions, that for each
26 fiscal year the President of the United States submit and the
27 Congress of the United States adopt a balanced federal budget;
28 and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if Congress adopts, within
31 ninety days after the legislatures of two-thirds of the states
32 have made application for such convention, an amendment to the
33 Constitution of the United States similar in subject matter to
34 that contained in this resolution, then this application for a
35 convention shall no longer be of any force or effect; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application and request be
38 deemed null and void, rescinded, and of no effect in the event
39 that such convention not be limited to the aforementioned
40 specific and exclusive purpose; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall be
43 deemed null and void, rescinded, and of no effect in the event

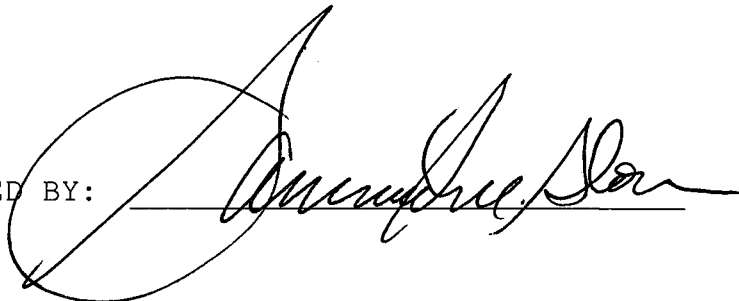


1 the U.S. Supreme Court rules that a convention cannot be limited
2 to the subject stated in thirty-four such applications; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application by this
5 Legislature constitutes a continuing application in accordance
6 with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at
7 least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have
8 made application for a similar convention pursuant to Article V
9 or the Congress has proposed an amendment to the Constitution of
10 the United States similar in subject matter to that contained in
11 this Concurrent Resolution; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and, by the
15 Secretary of State to the President of the United States Senate,
16 to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to
17 each member of this state's delegation to the Congress and to
18 the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in
19 the United States.

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23 OFFERED BY:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be the name of a legislator.