
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNFUNDED MANDATES
REFORM ACT.

1 WHEREAS, unfunded federal mandates place unreasonable
2 demands on limited state resources; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act was adopted in
5 1995 to limit these mandates by requiring accurate cost
6 estimates of federal legislation and rule making; and
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8 WHEREAS, loopholes in the original legislation have
9 prevented the intent of the legislation from being fully
10 implemented; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
15 Congress is urged to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act to
16 apply the Act's cost estimation requirements to legislation that
17 alters the conditions for receiving already existing federal
18 grant assistance, such as medicaid and federal grants under the
19 No Child Left Behind Act; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
22 urged to expand the scope of cost estimates to include indirect
23 costs imposed by new legislation and rule making such as lost
24 revenue; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
27 urged to remove the exception for mandates issued by independent
28 regulatory agencies such as the Securities and Exchange
29 Commission; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
32 urged to remove the current exception for urgent federal
33 regulations issued without prior notice by requiring cost



1 estimates to be issued for such urgent rule making decisions
2 within six months after their adoption; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the
6 United States House of Representatives, President of the United
7 States Senate, each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation,
8 and the Governor.

