
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER PLACING ON THE 2018 GENERAL
ELECTION BALLOT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A STATE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SHALL BE HELD.

1 WHEREAS, the last time a convention was held in Hawaii to
2 propose a revision of or amendments to the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii was in 1978; and

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5 WHEREAS, article XVII, section 2, of the State of Hawaii
6 Constitution provides that the Legislature may submit to the
7 electorate at any general or special election the question,
8 "Shall there be a convention to propose a revision of or
9 amendments to the Constitution?"; and

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11 WHEREAS, article XVII, section 2, of the State of Hawaii
12 Constitution further provides that "[i]f any nine-year period
13 shall elapse during which the question shall not have been
14 submitted, the lieutenant governor shall certify the question,
15 to be voted on at the first general election following the
16 expiration of such period"; and

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18 WHEREAS, in 1998, the Legislature passed House Bill
19 No. 3130, which the Governor signed into law as Act 131, Session
20 Laws of Hawaii 1998, and which caused to be placed on the 1998
21 general election ballot the question of whether a constitutional
22 convention should be held; and

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24 WHEREAS, a majority of voters in 1998 voted against holding
25 a constitutional convention and thus a convention was not held;
26 and

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1 WHEREAS, in 2008, the question of whether a constitutional
 2 convention should be held was automatically placed on the ballot
 3 since more than nine years had elapsed since the question was
 4 last placed on the ballot; and

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 6 WHEREAS, a majority of voters in 2008 voted against holding
 7 a constitutional convention and thus a convention was not held;
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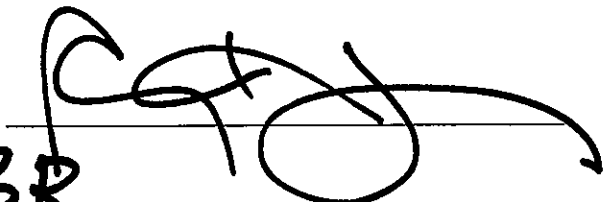
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 10 WHEREAS, pursuant to article XVII, section 2, of the
 11 Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Legislature may again
 12 submit to the electorate at any general or special election the
 13 question of whether a constitutional convention shall be held;
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 16 WHEREAS, article XVII, section 2, of the State of Hawaii
 17 Constitution requires that the question of whether a
 18 constitutional convention shall be held shall automatically be
 19 submitted to the electorate in 2018 since by then more than nine
 20 years shall have by then elapsed since the question was last
 21 submitted to voters in 2008; now, therefore,

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 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 25 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature is
 26 urged to consider, during the 2017 Regular Session, submitting
 27 to the electorate in the 2018 general election the question,
 28 "Shall there be a convention to propose a revision of or
 29 amendments to the Constitution?"; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers
 33 of each house of the Legislature, Governor, and Lieutenant
 34 Governor.

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OFFERED BY: 
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