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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT  
VIOLATIONS OF THE PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN AND AROUND  
PUBLIC HOUSING.

1           WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has  
2 declared that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand  
3 smoke and that breathing even small amounts of secondhand smoke  
4 can be dangerous; and

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6           WHEREAS, "thirdhand smoke" is generally considered to be  
7 the residual nicotine and other chemicals left on a variety of  
8 indoor surfaces by tobacco smoke; and

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10          WHEREAS, residue from thirdhand smoke builds up on surfaces  
11 over time, resists routine cleaning, and cannot be eliminated by  
12 airing out rooms, opening windows, using fans or air  
13 conditioners, or confining smoking to only certain areas of a  
14 home; and

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16          WHEREAS, thirdhand smoke residue is thought to react with  
17 common indoor pollutants to create a toxic mix that contains  
18 cancer-causing substances, which poses a potential health hazard  
19 to nonsmokers who are exposed to it, especially children; and

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21          WHEREAS, Act 91, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, enacted a  
22 prohibition on smoking in and around public-housing projects,  
23 state low-income housing projects, and elder or elderly  
24 households in an effort to provide smoke-free environments for  
25 families; and

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27          WHEREAS, violators of the prohibition established by Act  
28 91, codified as section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may  
29 negatively affect the health of subsequent tenants and guests of  
30 public housing projects, state low-income housing projects, and  
31 elder or elderly households due to the dangers associated with  
32 thirdhand smoke; and



# S.C.R. NO. 101

1 WHEREAS, violations of section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised  
 2 Statutes, should be factored into the Hawaii Public Housing  
 3 Authority's decisions to grant or deny lease extensions or enter  
 4 into new lease agreements with violators of the smoking  
 5 prohibition; now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
 9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Public  
 10 Housing Authority is requested to document violations of the  
 11 prohibitions in section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing  
 14 Authority is requested to permanently retain this documentation  
 15 in a resident's record for the Authority to consider when it  
 16 evaluates whether to continue any existing lease agreement or to  
 17 enter into any new lease agreement with the resident; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 21 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and  
 22 the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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