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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT AND FUND THE
SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF FIREARMS VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION.

1 WHEREAS, gun violence is a serious public health concern
2 affecting many individuals across the State and country; and
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4 WHEREAS, according to data from the United States Centers
5 for Disease Control and Prevention, ninety-six people are killed
6 with guns each day in the United States, totaling approximately
7 35,000 people annually; and
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9 WHEREAS, 13,000 of the annual gun deaths in the United
10 States are homicides, placing the nation's homicide rate at more
11 than twenty-five times the average of other developed countries;
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14 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
15 ceased researching the causes of gun violence in 1996, and the
16 United States Congress has repeatedly blocked funding for such
17 research; and
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19 WHEREAS, former United States President Barack Obama issued
20 a memorandum in 2013 directing the Secretary of Health and Human
21 Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
22 and other federal agencies to conduct or sponsor research into
23 the causes of gun violence and ways to prevent it; and
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25 WHEREAS, numerous national organizations, including the
26 American Medical Association, have called on the United States
27 Congress to support gun violence research; and
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29 WHEREAS, firearms violence research will enable
30 policymakers to better understand the scale and causes of
31 firearms violence and identify successful methods to reduce or
32 prevent firearms violence; now, therefore,
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S.C.R. NO. 118

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
 4 Congress is urged to support and fund the scientific study of
 5 firearms violence and prevention; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
 9 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
 10 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional
 11 delegation.
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