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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTS  
ON STATES OF STATE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS FOR ADULT  
RECREATIONAL USE.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii and twenty-seven other states, the District  
2 of Columbia, and the United States territories of Guam and  
3 Puerto Rico have legalized the use of medical cannabis for the  
4 treatment of certain qualifying medical conditions; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the states of Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine,  
7 Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have approved the  
8 legalization of adult recreational cannabis; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the states that have legalized the adult  
11 recreational use of cannabis generated approximately  
12 \$655,000,000 in combined state tax revenue in 2017; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the State's main economic engine is tourism, and  
15 visitor numbers continue to increase year-over-year with a  
16 record-breaking 8,900,000 visitors to Hawaii in 2016; and  
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18           WHEREAS, visitors from states with legal adult recreational  
19 cannabis account for approximately one-third of the total annual  
20 visitors to Hawaii; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the State has a need for additional tax revenue  
23 for a number of unfunded and underfunded mandates and  
24 priorities, as well as for new investments and enterprise; now,  
25 therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is urged  
30 to convene a task force to study the effects on states of state  
31 legalization of cannabis for adult recreational use of cannabis;  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to include the following members or each member's respective designee:

- (1) Lieutenant Governor;
- (2) Director of Health;
- (3) Director of Taxation;
- (4) Director of Public Safety;
- (5) Mayors of the City and County of Honolulu and Counties of Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i;
- (6) Administrator of the Honolulu Liquor Commission;
- (7) Executive Director of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; and
- (8) Director of Hawaii Citizens for Legal Cannabis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with guidance and administrative support from the Legislative Reference Bureau, is requested to study:

- (1) The advantages and disadvantages of state legalization of cannabis;
- (2) Tax revenues projected and realized as a result of state legalization of cannabis;
- (3) Impacts on state judicial and correctional systems and associated costs; and
- (4) The financial and enforcement impacts on other states that have not legalized the adult recreational use of cannabis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force and Legislative Reference Bureau may consult with any public or private entity



1 that may be of assistance, and any public entity of the State is  
 2 requested to assist the task force by providing requested  
 3 information or other assistance deemed relevant to the study;  
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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
 7 report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
 8 legislation and any recommendations regarding the implementation  
 9 of adult recreational cannabis policies in the State, to this  
 10 body no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
 11 Regular Session of 2019; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Lieutenant  
 15 Governor; Director of Health; Director of Taxation; Director of  
 16 Public Safety; Mayors of the City and County of Honolulu and  
 17 Counties of Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i; Administrator of the  
 18 Honolulu Liquor Commission; Executive Director of the Drug  
 19 Policy Forum of Hawai'i; and Director of Hawaii Citizens for  
 20 Legal Cannabis.

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