
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE FACILITATION OF A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR
IMMIGRANTS FROM PARTIES TO THE COMPACTS OF FREE
ASSOCIATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Compacts of Free Association are a series of
2 treaties between the United States, the Federated States of
3 Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the
4 Marshall Islands; and

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6 WHEREAS, these treaties were partially established as
7 compensation for the loss of life, health, land, and resources
8 due to the numerous nuclear weapons tests on the Marshall
9 Islands and Bikini and Enewetak Atolls conducted by the United
10 States from 1946 to 1958; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Compacts allow citizens of Micronesia to live
13 and legally work in the United States without visas, as well as
14 have access to social and health services; and

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16 WHEREAS, in return, the United States has sole access to
17 and substantial military and veto power over areas of these
18 island nations, which are considered of great strategic value;
19 now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the United States
24 Congress is encouraged to facilitate a path to citizenship for
25 immigrants from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic
26 of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that United States Immigration and
29 Customs Enforcement is requested to refrain from deporting the
30 aforementioned immigrants; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
3 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
4 Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation,
5 and Director of United States Immigration and Customs
6 Enforcement.

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