
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS ON HAWAII'S
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, the Trump administration, in collaboration with
2 Congress, is implementing significant federal budget cuts,
3 leading to widespread layoffs and funding reductions across
4 various federal agencies; and

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6 WHEREAS, these cuts have resulted in the termination of
7 approximately two thousand two hundred federal positions in
8 Hawai'i, excluding potential additional losses at the University
9 of Hawai'i, thereby exacerbating unemployment and economic
10 instability within the State; and

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12 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i Economic Research
13 Organization has projected that these federal budget cuts,
14 coupled with proposed tariffs, could place Hawai'i at risk of a
15 recession in the coming years; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Government Efficiency, under the
18 guidance of Elon Musk, has initiated extensive layoffs within
19 federal agencies, including the United States Fish and Wildlife
20 Service, leading to the termination of approximately 5 percent
21 of its workforce; and

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23 WHEREAS, these layoffs have adversely affected critical
24 conservation efforts in Hawai'i, notably within the Kaua'i
25 National Wildlife Refuge Complex, resulting in the loss of
26 essential personnel responsible for protecting endangered
27 species and maintaining vital habitats; and

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29 WHEREAS, the administration's attempt to temporarily freeze
30 federal grants and loans, pending a review for compliance with



1 new executive orders, has created uncertainty and potential
2 disruptions in funding for essential state programs and
3 services, including education, healthcare, social services, and
4 wildfire recovery efforts; and

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6 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has endorsed a
7 federal budget resolution proposing \$880 billion in Medicaid
8 cuts over the next decade, which could significantly reduce
9 healthcare access for over four hundred twenty thousand Hawai'i
10 residents who rely on Medicaid and the Children's Health
11 Insurance Program; and

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13 WHEREAS, Medicaid cuts would place an increased financial
14 strain on Hawai'i's hospitals and healthcare providers,
15 particularly in rural and neighbor island communities where
16 Medicaid patients represent a significant portion of those
17 served, potentially leading to hospital closures or service
18 reductions; and

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20 WHEREAS, reductions in Medicaid funding would impact makule
21 (seniors) and individuals with disabilities who rely on long-
22 term care services, as well as Native Hawaiian and Pacific
23 Islander communities who already face significant health
24 disparities; and

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26 WHEREAS, proposed congressional cuts to the Supplemental
27 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) threaten to reduce benefits
28 by at least twenty percent, putting over six hundred thousand
29 Hawai'i residents, including seventy thousand children and
30 thousands of makule, at increased risk of food insecurity; and

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32 WHEREAS, the high cost of living in Hawai'i already puts
33 families on the brink of economic hardship, and cuts to SNAP
34 would disproportionately harm working families, Native Hawaiian
35 and Pacific Islander households, and rural communities where
36 access to affordable food is already limited; and

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38 WHEREAS, food banks and community service organizations in
39 Hawai'i, which are already struggling to meet demand, would face
40 overwhelming pressure to fill the gap left by federal cuts,
41 leading to increased hunger and hardship across the State; and
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1 WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of these federal actions
2 threatens the economic stability, environmental conservation
3 efforts, and the overall quality of life for the people of
4 Hawai'i; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that this body condemns the
9 recent federal budget cuts and policy decisions that have
10 adversely affected Hawai'i's programs and services; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal administration and
13 United States Congress are urged to reconsider these budgetary
14 and policy decisions, taking into account their detrimental
15 impact on the State of Hawai'i and its residents; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
18 explore and implement measures to mitigate the adverse effects
19 of these federal actions, ensuring the continuity and stability
20 of essential programs and services for the people of Hawai'i; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
24 United States, Administrator of the United States Department of
25 Government Efficiency, Majority Leader of the United States
26 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
27 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Governor.

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