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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO ENACT NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO ALLOW QUALIFIED PATIENTS TO TRANSPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR PERSONAL USE WHEN TRAVELING INTERSTATE.

WHEREAS, part IX of chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits qualifying patients to obtain written certification for the medical use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, such certification permits qualifying patients to acquire, possess, cultivate, use, distribute, or transport marijuana for personal use to alleviate symptoms or effects of debilitating medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's qualifying patients who wish to travel to destinations within the United States are typically required to travel by air; and

WHEREAS, qualifying patients traveling by air must be screened by federal Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) security officers; and

WHEREAS, since medical use of marijuana is not recognized under federal law, TSA screening may lead to the confiscation of medical marijuana and the arrest of qualifying patients; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress is requested to enact necessary legislation to allow qualified patients to transport medical marijuana and paraphernalia for personal use when traveling interstate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the

United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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