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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLICATION TO CONGRESS FOR THE CALLING OF A CONVENTION TO
PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

1 WHEREAS, a concurrent resolution of the Senate and House of
2 Representatives of the State of Hawaii making application to the
3 Congress of the United States under Article V of the United
4 States Constitution, for the calling of a convention for
5 proposing amendments limited to specified subject areas is
6 presented; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, as follows:
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12 SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby
13 makes application to the Congress, under the provisions of
14 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
15 calling of a convention-for-proposing-amendments.
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17 SECTION 2. This application is for a convention limited to
18 considering and proposing amendments on the following subjects:
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20 (1) Improving the fiscal management of the federal
21 government by imposing requirements, with any stated exceptions,
22 that federal expenditures during a fixed time period not exceed
23 federal revenues or anticipated revenues during that time
24 period; imposing prohibitions and/or limits on federal debt;
25 and/or imposing limits on expenditures, revenue, and/or taxes.
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27 (2) Improving the legislative process by requiring that all
28 bills, orders, votes, and resolutions introduced in and passed
29 by Congress contain only a single subject and/or by providing a
30 minimum time period before passage for bills, orders, votes and
31 resolutions to be reviewed by members of Congress and members of
32 the general public.
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1 (3) Restraining the powers of the federal government by
2 clarifying that the Constitution does not authorize Congress to
3 employ its spending power to regulate activities otherwise
4 outside its enumerated powers and/or prohibiting mandates or
5 requirements on any state, subdivision of any state, or any
6 official thereof, unless the federal government fully funds the
7 cost of compliance.

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9 (4) Empowering the legislatures of the several states, with
10 stated exceptions, to repeal all or certain acts of Congress
11 and/or administrative regulations.

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13 SECTION 3. This application shall be deemed an application
14 for a convention to address each and any of the subjects in
15 section 2. For purposes of the determining whether two thirds
16 of the states have applied for a convention addressing any
17 subject, this application is to be aggregated with the
18 applications of any other state legislatures limited to one or
19 more of the subjects in section 2.

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21 SECTION 4. This is a continuing application and remains in
22 effect until rescission by any sitting session of the
23 legislature of this state. This application does not constitute
24 a recognition that any particular activity or activities
25 currently undertaken by the federal government is or are
26 authorized by the Constitution.

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28 SECTION 5. The lieutenant governor is hereby directed to
29 transmit copies of this application to the President and
30 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of
31 the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the
32 Archivist of the United States, and copies to the members of the
33 United States Senate and House of Representatives who represent
34 this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding
35 officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several
36 States, requesting their cooperation.

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39 OFFERED BY: 



S.C.R. NO. 88

- 1 Application Resolution; Convention to Propose Amendments to the
- 2 Constitution.

