## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution authorizes the calling of a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution upon the application of two-thirds of the several states; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, does hereby apply to Congress under the provisions of Article V of United States Constitution for the calling of a convention of the states,

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limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made application on the same subject; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, all members of the legislature of the state of Hawaii; and also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in each of the other 49 states, requesting their cooperation.

OFFERED BY:

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