

MAR 10 2016

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT
VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN AND AROUND
PUBLIC HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has found
2 that there is no safe level or amount of exposure to secondhand
3 smoke; and
4

5 WHEREAS, "thirdhand smoke" is the residual contamination
6 from the use of cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products
7 that remains in enclosed indoor spaces; and
8

9 WHEREAS, among the substances in thirdhand smoke are
10 hydrogen cyanide, used in chemical weapons; butane, used in
11 lighter fluid; toluene, found in paint thinners; arsenic; lead;
12 and carbon monoxide; and
13

14 WHEREAS, Act 91, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, enacted
15 language codified as section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
16 which assists in providing smoke-free environments for families
17 by prohibiting smoking in and around public housing projects,
18 state low-income housing projects, and elder or elderly
19 households; and
20

21 WHEREAS, due to the long-term effects of thirdhand smoke,
22 violators of smoking prohibitions under section 356D-6.5, Hawaii
23 Revised Statutes, may negatively affect the health of subsequent
24 tenants and guests of public housing projects, state low-income
25 housing projects, and elder or elderly households; and
26

27 WHEREAS, this body believes that this type of behavior
28 should be factored into the Authority's decisions to grant or
29 deny lease extensions or future lease agreements with violators
30 of the smoking prohibitions; now, therefore,
31



S.C.R. NO. 81

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Public
4 Housing Authority is requested to document violations related to
5 acts of smoking prohibited by section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, and to permanently retain this documentation in a
7 resident's record for the Authority to consider when it
8 evaluates whether to continue any existing lease agreement, and
9 when the Authority evaluates whether to form any future lease
10 agreement with the resident; and

11
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
14 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and
15 the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.
16
17
18

OFFERED BY:

*Thomas Chun Calalang**Ronald H. Bab**Michael L.**Donna C. Smith-Agnew**For**Clarence K. Muihikawa**Will Zuo*