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S.R. NO. 58

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## SENATE 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,  
34 that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requested to  
35 document violations related to acts of smoking prohibited by



1 section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to permanently  
 2 retain this documentation in a resident's record for the  
 3 Authority to consider when it evaluates whether to continue any  
 4 existing lease agreement, and when the Authority evaluates  
 5 whether to form any future lease agreement with the resident;  
 6 and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 10 Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the  
 11 Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.  
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