

JAN 19 2017

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES TO BAN SMOKING AND THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING
DEVICES IN FOSTER CARE HOMES.

1 WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, there is
2 no safe level of exposure for secondhand smoke as secondhand
3 smoke has the same harmful chemicals that smokers inhale; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to the American Lung Association, while
6 electronic smoking devices do not contain smoke, they still
7 expose people to secondhand emissions containing formaldehyde
8 and other harmful carcinogens; and
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10 WHEREAS, making a home smoke-free may be one of the most
11 important things that can be done for the benefit of the family;
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14 WHEREAS, according to the Public Health Law Center at
15 William Mitchell College of Law, numerous states prohibit
16 smoking in foster homes and vehicles when a foster child is
17 present or otherwise prohibit exposure of a foster child to
18 secondhand smoke; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii should join those states that protect
21 children in foster care from exposure to secondhand smoke and
22 emissions from electronic smoking devices; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has regulatory
25 jurisdiction over foster care homes; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
30 Human Services is urged to adopt administrative rules to ban
31 smoking and the use of electronic smoking devices in foster care
32 homes; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
4 Services.
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