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S.C.R. NO. **97**

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO

CONTINUE TO TAKE ANY LEGAL ACTION NECESSARY AGAINST THE

EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA ENTITLED "PROTECTING THE NATION FROM

FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES" AND AGAINST

ANY SIMILAR FUTURE EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

WHEREAS, on January 27th, 2017, President Donald John Trump, forty-fifth President of the United States of America, signed the Executive Order titled, "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order restricts immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries: Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order suspends all refugee admission into the United States for 120 days and bans all Syrian refugees from admission into the United States indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order is reflective of President Donald Trump's campaign comments pledging to implement "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin said, "[w] hat makes our country special and a beacon across the world is its inclusive democracy and the rule of law. Everyone in the United States, including the President, must follow the law and follow the Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, several courts of appeal, including the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, of which Hawaii is a part, have found or suggested that the Executive Order is illegal and unconstitutional, and barred the President's Administration from enforcing it; and

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WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, through Attorney General Douglas Chin, filed litigation against the President's Executive Order; and

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WHEREAS, President Trump has announced his intent to sign a new Executive Order with an intent and effect similar to the current order; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the House of Representatives concurring, that this body requests that the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii continue to take any legal action necessary and appropriate against the current Executive Order or any similar Executive Order in the future; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

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