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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REMOVE MARIJUANA FROM  
SCHEDULE I OF THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

1 WHEREAS, under the federal Controlled Substances Act, the  
2 scheduling of a drug or other substance under schedule I  
3 requires, among other findings, that the drug or other substance  
4 has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United  
5 States; and

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7 WHEREAS, although marijuana is listed under schedule I of  
8 the federal Controlled Substances Act, the medical use of  
9 marijuana in treatment exists and is accepted in 29 states,  
10 including Hawaii, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, and  
11 Puerto Rico; and

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13 WHEREAS, in 2000, Hawaii's Legislature found that modern  
14 medical research discovered a beneficial use for marijuana in  
15 treating or alleviating the pain or other symptoms associated  
16 with certain debilitating illnesses, and passed Hawaii's medical  
17 use of marijuana law to allow seriously ill individuals in the  
18 State to acquire, possess, and use marijuana for medical  
19 purposes; and

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21 WHEREAS, in light of the growing number of states with  
22 initiatives legalizing marijuana, the United States Attorney  
23 General James M. Cole issued a memorandum in 2013 (Cole  
24 Memorandum) that identified certain enforcement areas that  
25 federal prosecutors should prioritize, and deferred challenging  
26 state marijuana legislation if strict regulatory systems are  
27 imposed protecting those federal priorities; and

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29 WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, the United States Attorney  
30 General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memorandum and issued a



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1 new memorandum instructing United States attorneys to enforce  
2 federal law related to marijuana; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress  
7 is urged to consider legislation removing marijuana from  
8 schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
12 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States  
13 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
14 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Majority Leader of  
15 the United States House of Representatives, and each member of  
16 Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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