
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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30 General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memorandum and issued a
31 new memorandum instructing United States attorneys to enforce
32 federal law related to marijuana; now, therefore,



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