
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT NINE JUSTICES SHALL SERVE ON THE SUPREME COURT.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court (Supreme Court)
2 has comprised a chief justice and eight associate justices for
3 more than one hundred fifty years; and
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5 WHEREAS, the role of the Supreme Court as the final legal
6 interpreter of the United States Constitution (Constitution)
7 requires the Court to remain independent and non-partisan; and
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9 WHEREAS, if the President or Congress of the United States
10 can unilaterally change the composition of the Supreme Court,
11 the Court's independence and integrity are compromised; and
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13 WHEREAS, previous attempts to increase the number of
14 justices on the Supreme Court have been summarily rejected and
15 widely condemned by members of both political parties; now,
16 therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress
21 is urged to amend the Constitution, subject to ratification by
22 the states, to specify that nine justices shall serve on the
23 Supreme Court; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's
3 congressional delegation.

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OFFERED BY: 
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