
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO GRANT ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY
TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO STOP UNWANTED
AND ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS.

1 WHEREAS, the receipt of unwanted telephone calls are the
2 most frequent complaints received by the Federal Communications
3 Commission from consumers nationwide; and

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5 WHEREAS, unwanted calls include automated telemarketing or
6 solicitation calls that deliver a recorded message, also known
7 as robocalls; and

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9 WHEREAS, recently, robocalls have been combined with a
10 process called "spoofing", by which robocalls appear to
11 originate from local, often legitimate, numbers to trick
12 consumers into answering the robocalls; and

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14 WHEREAS, as technology continues to evolve, the number of
15 robocalls and spoofing continues to grow; and

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17 WHEREAS, under the Federal Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009,
18 individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or
19 inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud,
20 cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value; and

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22 WHEREAS, despite the fact that the Federal Communications
23 Commission has initiated new policy initiatives to combat
24 robocalls and spoofing, additional measures need to be
25 implemented to combat this growing problem; and

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27 WHEREAS, the United States Congress should pass legislation
28 that provides the Federal Communications Commission with the
29 tools and resources it needs to combat robocalls and spoofing;
30 and



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1 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission encourages
2 consumers to file a complaint with the Federal Communications
3 Commission when a robocall is received; and
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5 WHEREAS, although the Federal Communications Commission
6 uses social media and the Internet to reach consumers, the
7 Federal Communications Commission should use all means available
8 to provide consumers with the information necessary to file a
9 complaint; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress
14 is urged to grant additional authority to the Federal
15 Communications Commission to stop unwanted and illegal
16 robocalls; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President Pro
20 Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United
21 States House of Representatives, members of the Hawaii
22 Congressional Delegation, and Federal Communications Commission
23 Chairman.
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