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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION ASSIST THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH OBTAINING A FEDERAL EXEMPTION FOR THE STATE AUTHORIZED USE OF CANNABIS IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict between the state and federal  
2 regulation of cannabis is causing devastating consequences for  
3 Hawaii's lawfully registered medical cannabis patients and  
4 licensed dispensaries; and

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6           WHEREAS, both chambers of the Legislature addressed this  
7 conflict during the 2021 Regular Session by unanimously adopting House  
8 Concurrent Resolution 132 (HCR132), which asks the Hawaii Department  
9 of Health to file a federal exemption application for the state  
10 authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii with the Drug Enforcement  
11 Administration; and

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13           WHEREAS, the Department of Health has resisted moving  
14 forward with this request because it fears that doing so might  
15 result in negative repercussions for the State's medical  
16 cannabis program; and

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18           WHEREAS, states have reserved the authority to decide how  
19 cannabis is regulated within the state, and the ongoing federal  
20 appropriations rider known as the Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment  
21 prevents the Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement  
22 Administration from using resources to interfere with state  
23 medical cannabis programs; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Drug Enforcement  
28 Administration is requested to assist the Hawaii Department of  
29 Health with obtaining a federal exemption for the state



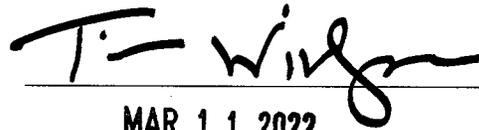
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1 authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii under 21 CFR 1307.03 and 21  
2 CFR 1308.43; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 concurrent resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Administrator  
6 of the Drug Enforcement Administration, members of the Hawaii  
7 Congressional Delegation, U.S. Attorney General, Hawaii Attorney  
8 General, Hawaii State Governor, and the Hawaii State Director of  
9 Health.

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