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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO 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 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, the Legislature addressed the conflict by  
7 unanimously adopting House Concurrent Resolution No. 132,  
8 Regular Session of 2021 (H.C.R. No. 132), requesting the Hawaii  
9 Department of Health to file a federal exemption application for  
10 the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii with the Drug  
11 Enforcement Administration; and

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13           WHEREAS, the Department of Health has resisted moving  
14 forward with this request because of potential negative  
15 repercussions for the State's medical cannabis program; and

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17           WHEREAS, states have reserved the authority to decide how  
18 cannabis is regulated within their jurisdiction; and

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20           WHEREAS, the federal appropriations rider known as the  
21 Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment, which prevents the Department of  
22 Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration from using  
23 resources to interfere with state medical cannabis programs  
24 continues to be in force; now, therefore,

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

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# S.C.R. NO. 69

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the  
3 Drug Enforcement Administration, Hawaii's Congressional  
4 Delegation, Governor, Attorney General of Hawaii, and Director  
5 of Health.

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