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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND STATE OFFICIALS
TO SUPPORT THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING
PARITY ACT OF 2021 AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL REGULATION OF MARIJUANA AND 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 the State's lawfully registered medical cannabis patients, even
4 resulting in evictions from federally subsidized housing; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature addressed this conflict during the
7 Regular Session of 2021 by unanimously adopting House Concurrent
8 Resolution 132, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (H.C.R. No. 132), which asks the
9 Department of Health to apply to the Drug Enforcement
10 Administration for an exemption to certain federal regulations
11 for the state-authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature has received no response from the
14 Department of Health; and
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16 WHEREAS, United States Congresswoman for the District of
17 Columbia Eleanor Holmes Norton is the sponsor of the Marijuana
18 in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act of 2021 (H.R. No. 3212)
19 in the United States Congress; and
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21 WHEREAS, H.R. No. 3212 would permit the use of marijuana in
22 federally assisted housing in compliance with the marijuana laws
23 of the applicable state where the property is located; and
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25 WHEREAS, under H.R. No. 3212, the U.S. Department of
26 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would be required to develop
27 regulations that restrict the smoking of marijuana in federally
28 assisted housing in the same manner and in the same locations as
29 HUD restricts the smoking of tobacco in federally assisted
30 housing; and
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S.R. NO. 46

1 WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Congresswoman Norton issued a
2 press release expressing her disappointment in HUD's rejection
3 of her request to allow marijuana use in public housing in
4 jurisdictions where it is legal and urged Congress to pass H.R.
5 No. 3212; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
9 that the members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, Governor,
10 Attorney General, Hawaii Department of Health, and Hawaii
11 housing agencies are urged to support the passage of H.R. No.
12 3212, the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act of
13 2021 ; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Drug Enforcement
16 Administration is requested to assist with resolving the ongoing
17 conflict between the federal regulation of marijuana and the
18 state-authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes
22 Norton, members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation,
23 Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Governor,
24 Attorney General, Hawaii Director of Health, Executive Director
25 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and Executive Director
26 of the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation.
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