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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ENACT LAWS  
TO AUTHORIZE ONLY HAWAII RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL  
REAL PROPERTIES IN THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii, as an island state, has a scarcity of  
2 land; and

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4           WHEREAS, among available lands, only a fraction may be used  
5 for residential purposes; and

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7           WHEREAS, nonresidents' purchases of residential real  
8 properties significantly raise the market prices of homes,  
9 making it difficult for Hawaii residents to purchase homes of  
10 their own; and

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12           WHEREAS, a state law that would authorize only Hawaii  
13 residents to purchase residential real properties in the State  
14 would significantly decrease the prices of homes; and

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16           WHEREAS, such a state law would face legal challenges based  
17 on the probable violation of the Constitution of the United  
18 States; and

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20           WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the  
21 United States, the United States Congress has the power, through  
22 a two-thirds majority vote in each of its houses, to propose  
23 that states ratify amendments to that Constitution; now,  
24 therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the United States  
29 Congress is requested to propose to the states the ratification



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1 of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to  
2 authorize the State of Hawaii to enact laws to authorize only  
3 Hawaii residents to purchase residential real properties in the  
4 State; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of  
8 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of  
9 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional  
10 delegation.

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OFFERED BY: 

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