
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO EXEMPT HAWAII FROM THE JONES ACT.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the most isolated populated land mass on
2 earth and is located more than 2,400 miles from the United
3 States mainland; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State imports approximately eighty percent of
6 its goods, ninety percent of its food, and ninety-five percent
7 of its energy resources; and
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9 WHEREAS, unlike other states, Hawaii is unable to import
10 goods, food, or fuel via trucks or trains, making the State
11 uniquely vulnerable to shipping disruptions; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly known as
14 the Jones Act, requires that all goods shipped between United
15 States ports be transported by ships that are United
16 States-flagged and built; and
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18 WHEREAS, a shortage of United States-flagged oil tankers
19 makes it difficult for Hawaii to import energy resources from
20 the mainland United States; and
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22 WHEREAS, exempting Hawaii from the Jones Act would allow
23 the State to reduce its dependence on foreign oil and to import
24 more energy resources from California; now, 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 2024, that the President of the United States and
29 United States Congress are urged to exempt Hawaii from the Jones
30 Act; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States
3 and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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