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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS ON HAWAI'I'S  
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

1           WHEREAS, the Trump administration, in collaboration with  
2 Congress, is implementing significant federal budget cuts,  
3 leading to widespread layoffs and funding reductions across  
4 various federal agencies; and

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6           WHEREAS, these cuts have resulted in the termination of  
7 approximately two thousand two hundred federal positions in  
8 Hawai'i, excluding potential additional losses at the University  
9 of Hawai'i, thereby exacerbating unemployment and economic  
10 instability within the State; and

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12           WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i Economic Research  
13 Organization has projected that these federal budget cuts,  
14 coupled with proposed tariffs, could place Hawai'i at risk of a  
15 recession in the coming years; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Department of Government Efficiency, under the  
18 guidance of Elon Musk, has initiated extensive layoffs within  
19 federal agencies, including the United States Fish and Wildlife  
20 Service, leading to the termination of approximately 5 percent  
21 of its workforce; and

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23           WHEREAS, these layoffs have adversely affected critical  
24 conservation efforts in Hawai'i, notably within the Kaua'i  
25 National Wildlife Refuge Complex, resulting in the loss of  
26 essential personnel responsible for protecting endangered  
27 species and maintaining vital habitats; and

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29           WHEREAS, the administration's attempt to temporarily freeze  
30 federal grants and loans, pending a review for compliance with  
31 new executive orders, has created uncertainty and potential  
32 disruptions in funding for essential state programs and



1 services, including education, healthcare, social services, and  
2 wildfire recovery efforts; and

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4 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has endorsed a  
5 federal budget resolution proposing \$880 billion in Medicaid  
6 cuts over the next decade, which could significantly reduce  
7 healthcare access for over four hundred twenty thousand Hawai'i  
8 residents who rely on Medicaid and the Children's Health  
9 Insurance Program; and

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11 WHEREAS, Medicaid cuts would place an increased financial  
12 strain on Hawai'i's hospitals and healthcare providers,  
13 particularly in rural and neighbor island communities where  
14 Medicaid patients represent a significant portion of those  
15 served, potentially leading to hospital closures or service  
16 reductions; and

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18 WHEREAS, reductions in Medicaid funding would impact makule  
19 (seniors) and individuals with disabilities who rely on long-  
20 term care services, as well as Native Hawaiian and Pacific  
21 Islander communities who already face significant health  
22 disparities; and

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24 WHEREAS, proposed congressional cuts to the Supplemental  
25 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) threaten to reduce benefits  
26 by at least twenty percent, putting over six hundred thousand  
27 Hawai'i residents, including seventy thousand children and  
28 thousands of makule, at increased risk of food insecurity; and

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30 WHEREAS, the high cost of living in Hawai'i already puts  
31 families on the brink of economic hardship, and cuts to SNAP  
32 would disproportionately harm working families, Native Hawaiian  
33 and Pacific Islander households, and rural communities where  
34 access to affordable food is already limited; and

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36 WHEREAS, food banks and community service organizations in  
37 Hawai'i, which are already struggling to meet demand, would face  
38 overwhelming pressure to fill the gap left by federal cuts,  
39 leading to increased hunger and hardship across the State; and

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41 WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of these federal actions  
42 threatens the economic stability, environmental conservation



1 efforts, and the overall quality of life for the people of  
2 Hawai'i; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2025, that this body condemns the recent federal budget cuts  
7 and policy decisions that have adversely affected Hawai'i's  
8 programs and services; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal administration and  
11 United States Congress are urged to reconsider these budgetary  
12 and policy decisions, taking into account their detrimental  
13 impact on the State of Hawai'i and its residents; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
16 explore and implement measures to mitigate the adverse effects  
17 of these federal actions, ensuring the continuity and stability  
18 of essential programs and services for the people of Hawai'i; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
22 Administrator of the United States Department of Government  
23 Efficiency, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker  
24 of the United States House of Representatives members of  
25 Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Governor.

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