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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS THAT IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

1           WHEREAS, executive orders by the President of the United  
2 States have become a vehicle through which the President may  
3 overstep the limits of the President's constitutional authority;  
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6           WHEREAS, the concentration of power at the federal level  
7 has the effect of making federal officials less responsive to  
8 the will of the people and more readily influenced by lobbyists,  
9 wealthy corporations, and special interests in Washington, D.C.;

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12           WHEREAS, much of federal law is now created by federal  
13 bureaucrats who were never elected by the people and have no  
14 accountability to the people whatsoever; and

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16           WHEREAS, policy decisions made at the state level tend to  
17 be more responsive to the needs and desires of the people; and

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19           WHEREAS, the federal government has accumulated a crushing  
20 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

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22           WHEREAS, Hawaii has historically used federal funds for  
23 economic development that is subject to federal fiscal  
24 restraints; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate  
2 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal  
3 mandates, many of which are unfunded to a great extent; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the states have the ability to restore the  
6 responsiveness of government to the people and to restrain  
7 abuses of federal power by proposing amendments to the United  
8 States Constitution through a limited convention of the states  
9 under article V of the United States Constitution; now,  
10 therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that this body urges and applies  
15 to Congress under the provisions of article V of the United  
16 States Constitution to call for a convention of the states,  
17 limited to proposing amendments to the United States  
18 Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal  
19 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
20 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and  
21 members of Congress; subject however to the following  
22 reservations, understandings, and declarations:  
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- 24 (1) An application to the United States Congress to call  
25 an amendment convention of the states pursuant to  
26 article V of the United States Constitution confers no  
27 power to Congress other than the power to call such a  
28 convention, rather, the power of Congress to exercise  
29 this ministerial duty consists solely of the authority  
30 to name a reasonable time and place for the initial  
31 meeting of a convention;  
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- 33 (2) Congress shall perform its ministerial duty of calling  
34 an amendment convention of the states only upon the  
35 receipt of applications for an amendment convention  
36 for substantially the same purpose as this application  
37 from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several  
38 states;  
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- 40 (3) Congress shall not have the power or authority to  
41 determine any rules for the governing of an amendment  
42 convention of the states pursuant to article V of the



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1 United States Constitution; furthermore, Congress does  
2 not have the power to set the number of delegates sent  
3 by any state to such a convention, nor does it have  
4 the power to name delegates to such a convention;  
5 rather, the power to name delegates remains  
6 exclusively within the authority of the legislatures  
7 of the several states;  
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9 (4) By definition, an amendment convention of the states  
10 means that states shall vote on the basis of one  
11 state, one vote;  
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13 (5) A convention of the states convened pursuant to this  
14 application shall be limited to consideration of the  
15 topics specified herein and no other, which  
16 application is made with the express understanding  
17 that an amendment that in any way seeks to amend,  
18 modify, or repeal any provision of the Bill of Rights  
19 shall not be authorized for consideration at any  
20 stage; furthermore, this application shall be void *ab*  
21 *initio* if ever used at any stage to consider any  
22 change to any provision of the Bill of Rights;  
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24 (6) Pursuant to article V of the United States  
25 Constitution, Congress may determine whether proposed  
26 amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of  
27 the several states or by special state ratification  
28 conventions; the Legislature of the State of Hawaii  
29 recommends that Congress select ratification by the  
30 legislatures of the several states; and  
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32 (7) The Legislature of the State of Hawaii may provide  
33 further instructions to its delegates and may recall  
34 its delegates at any time for a breach of duty or a  
35 violation of the instructions provided; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a  
38 continuing application in accordance with article V of the  
39 United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least  
40 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the  
41 same subject; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader and  
3 Secretary of the United States Senate, Speaker and Clerk of the  
4 United States House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's  
5 congressional delegation, and presiding officers of each of the  
6 legislative houses in each of the other forty-nine states.

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