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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE TAXPAYER RELIEF FOR  
TARIFF-RELATED COST-OF-LIVING IMPACTS ON HAWAII HOUSEHOLDS.

1           WHEREAS, tariffs imposed under the current federal  
2 administration have resulted in increased costs for essential  
3 goods, including food, fuel, agricultural inputs, and consumer  
4 products, directly impacting American households and  
5 disproportionately burdening low- and middle-income families;  
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8           WHEREAS, farmers, small businesses, and consumers have  
9 experienced economic disruption due to tariff-related price  
10 increases, retaliatory trade actions, and supply chain  
11 instability; and

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13           WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has determined  
14 that certain tariff actions were imposed without proper  
15 constitutional or statutory authority, raising concerns  
16 regarding executive overreach and the lawful exercise of  
17 executive power; and

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19           WHEREAS, Hawaii households face uniquely high costs of  
20 living due to geographic isolation and a heavy reliance on  
21 imported food, fuel, construction materials, and consumer goods,  
22 making residents especially vulnerable to price increases  
23 resulting from tariff policies; and

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25           WHEREAS, tariff-driven cost increases threaten food  
26 security in Hawaii by raising grocery prices and disrupting  
27 supply chains, thereby increasing vulnerability during  
28 emergencies and periods of economic instability; and

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30           WHEREAS, Hawaii's supply chains are particularly fragile  
31 due to limited shipping options and long transit times, and  
32 increased costs or disruptions disproportionately affect  
33 neighbor island communities, where residents face fewer retail



1 choices, higher transportation costs, and limited access to  
2 affordable goods and services; and

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4 WHEREAS, these impacts fall especially hard on asset-  
5 limited, income-constrained, and employed (ALICE) households who  
6 earn above the federal poverty level but struggle to afford  
7 basic necessities and are highly sensitive to increases in food,  
8 fuel, and household costs; and

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10 WHEREAS, when federal actions are later found to be  
11 unconstitutional, taxpayers who bore the economic burden of  
12 those actions are left without remedy unless Congress acts to  
13 provide relief; and

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15 WHEREAS, Congress has previously authorized rebates,  
16 refunds, and direct payments to taxpayers to mitigate economic  
17 harm caused by federal policy decisions and administrative  
18 actions; and

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20 WHEREAS, restoring public trust in government requires  
21 accountability, transparency, and corrective action when  
22 unconstitutional policies impose financial harm on the public;  
23 now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2026, that the United States Congress is urged to provide  
28 taxpayer relief for tariff-related cost-of-living impacts on  
29 Hawaii households; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is  
32 urged to:

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34 (1) Acknowledge the economic harm experienced by American  
35 households, including those in Hawaii, as a result of  
36 unconstitutional tariff policies;
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38 (2) Develop and enact legislation establishing a taxpayer  
39 rebate or comparable financial benefit to offset  
40 increased costs borne by families due to these tariff  
41 policies;
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- 1           (3) Ensure that any rebate or benefit is equitably
- 2               structured, with particular consideration for Hawaii
- 3               residents, neighbor island communities, farmers, and
- 4               ALICE households most affected by rising costs; and
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- 6           (4) Reaffirm Congress's constitutional role in matters of
- 7               taxation and trade policy to prevent similar economic
- 8               harm in the future; and
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10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;  
12 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; Speaker of  
13 the United States House of Representatives; and members of  
14 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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