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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO LEGALIZE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND REQUESTING THE  
FEDERAL AND STATE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE MEDICAL  
SERVICES TO THIS POPULATION IN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.

1           WHEREAS, throughout its history, the United States (U.S.)  
2 has benefited from the hard work and contributions made by  
3 immigrants to the cultural, social, and economic vibrancy of our  
4 society; and

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6           WHEREAS, there are roughly 11,000,000 illegal immigrants  
7 living in the U.S.; and

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9           WHEREAS, there are ongoing efforts in the U.S. Congress to  
10 implement measures to deport certain immigrants who do not have  
11 proper documentation, which would pose immense difficulties on  
12 other immigrants, in the name of national security; and

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14           WHEREAS, this attack on immigrants is an attack on the  
15 rights of all American citizens, including our fundamental right  
16 to fair and equal treatment, and tens of thousands of immigrants  
17 and their supporters all across the country have already taken  
18 to the streets to rally for these rights; and

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20           WHEREAS, history has shown that attacks against immigrants  
21 and minorities are unconstitutional as they arbitrarily deprive  
22 a group of U.S. residents of basic constitutional rights, as in  
23 the following cases:

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25           (1) In the 1920s during the "Red Scare," thousands of  
26 foreign-born individuals suspected of political  
27 radicalism were arrested, beaten, and deported without  
28 a hearing; and

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1 (2) In 1942, more than 100,000 Americans of Japanese  
2 descent were sent to internment camps until the end of  
3 World War II;

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7 WHEREAS, the difficulties faced by those seeking political  
8 asylum and the children born in Hawaii to parents given  
9 Temporary Protected Status who now face possible deportation,  
10 shed a human light on policies that can lead to the unjustified  
11 loss of highly-valued Hawaii residents; and

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13 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has played a leading role in  
14 the protection of immigrant rights and has consistently promoted  
15 tolerance and respect for all residents, including immigrants,  
16 U.S. citizens, and their families; and

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18 WHEREAS, the proposed Hawaii Dream Act, would support the  
19 permitting of qualifying immigrants who have graduated from a  
20 local public high school to pay in-state college tuition rates;  
21 now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature hereby  
26 urges the President of the United States and United States  
27 Congress to legalize illegal immigrants, and requests the  
28 federal and state departments of health to provide medical  
29 services to this population in medical emergencies; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature believes that  
32 criminalizing those U.S. citizens who work with and for  
33 immigrants, and immigrants themselves, is not a viable long-term  
34 solution to concerns over immigration and will continue  
35 separating families while preventing civic participation by all  
36 community members; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby  
39 expresses its strong support for comprehensive immigration  
40 reform that provides just and humane treatment for all  
41 immigrants, including granting permanent status for immigrants  
42 already here; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
3 United States, Speaker of the United States House of  
4 Representatives, President of the United States Senate, members  
5 of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, United States Secretary of  
6 Health, and the Director of Health.

