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# HOUSE 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:

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

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29           (2) In 1942, more than 100,000 Americans of Japanese  
30 descent were sent to internment camps until the end of  
31 World War II;  
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3 WHEREAS, the difficulties faced by those seeking political  
4 asylum and the children born in Hawaii to parents given  
5 Temporary Protected Status who now face possible deportation,  
6 shed a human light on policies that can lead to the unjustified  
7 loss of highly-valued Hawaii residents; and

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

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

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

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

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



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

