
HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROHIBIT
SMOKING IN ANY AREA UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

1 WHEREAS, one thousand one hundred people die in Hawaii each
2 year because of smoking-related diseases and smoke-related
3 illness and death cost the State about \$525,000,000 annually and
4 \$200,000,000 in worker productivity; and
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6 WHEREAS, the preface to the Rules of the House of
7 Representatives states that "[i]t is the policy of the House
8 that smoking be prohibited in all enclosed structures of the
9 State Capitol Building, which are under the jurisdiction of the
10 House. "Enclosed" means closed in by a roof and four walls with
11 openings for ingress and egress. Smoking will be permitted on
12 balconies and the first floor of the State Capitol Building.";
13 and
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15 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2006, House and Senate conferees
16 agreed to recommend final passage of Senate Bill 3262 which
17 would establish a new chapter in the Hawaii Revised Statutes
18 that protects the public health and welfare by prohibiting
19 smoking in places open to the public and places of employment,
20 ensuring a consistent level of basic protections statewide from
21 exposure to secondhand smoke; and
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23 WHEREAS, the House should lead by example and act now to
24 protect the health and well-being of its members, its staff, and
25 members of the public using facilities under its jurisdiction;
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28 WHEREAS, this Resolution proposes an amendment to the House
29 Rules; and
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31 WHEREAS, House Rule 57 provides, in pertinent part, that
32 changes in the House rules shall be taken up as a special order;
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1 WHEREAS, House Rule 30 provides, in pertinent part, that
2 "[s]pecial orders shall take precedence over all business after
3 the fourth order in the order of business."; and
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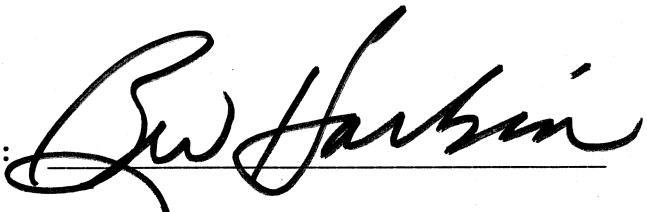
5 WHEREAS, House Rule 2 regarding the duties of the Speaker
6 does not authorize the Speaker to refer a resolution proposing a
7 change in the House Rules to a committee; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2006, that the House rules are hereby amended by deleting the
12 third and fourth paragraph of the preface to the rules and by
13 adding a new rule to read as follows (proposed changes
14 underlined):
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16 "61 Smoking shall be prohibited in all areas under
17 the jurisdiction of the House, whether enclosed
18 or not, including balconies and the first floor
19 of the State Capitol Building."; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be
22 debated and decided on the floor of the House of Representatives
23 without reference to committee; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to all members of the House of
27 Representatives.
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OFFERED BY: 
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