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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INSTITUTE A COMPLETE BAN ON SMOKING IN ALL STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, secondhand smoke causes heart disease, stroke,  
2 respiratory disease, lung cancer, and other diseases in healthy  
3 nonsmokers; and

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5           WHEREAS, recent research demonstrates heightened health  
6 dangers to those exposed to secondhand smoke, since Hawaii  
7 passed a statewide anti-smoking statute 19 years ago; and

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9           WHEREAS, in 2004, the Centers for Disease Control and  
10 Prevention issued an advisory to persons with heart disease to  
11 avoid indoor settings where smoking is allowed, which warranted  
12 increased protections in the workplace and for the public in  
13 general; and

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15           WHEREAS, the Legislature passed a comprehensive new law,  
16 Act 295, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006 (Act 295), banning smoking  
17 in places open to the public and places of employment to ensure  
18 a consistent level of basic protections statewide from exposure  
19 to secondhand smoke; and

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21           WHEREAS, Act 295, however, provided an exemption for state  
22 correctional facilities; and

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24           WHEREAS, smoking in prison is delivering toxic chemicals to  
25 a, literally, captive audience; and

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27           WHEREAS, inmates who choose not to smoke are unable to  
28 remove themselves from areas where smokers are and guards cannot  
29 abandon their posts to avoid the secondhand smoke; and



1 WHEREAS, inmates incarcerated in Hawaii's jails and prisons  
2 and the employees who guard them also deserve protection from  
3 the lethal effects of secondhand smoke; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
8 Public Safety and Department of Human Services are urged to  
9 institute a complete ban on smoking in all state correctional  
10 facilities; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
14 of Public Safety, Director of Human Services, and Director of  
15 Health.  
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