
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF SMOKE DETECTORS IN EVERY
HAWAII HOME BY 2010.

1 WHEREAS, fire safety in the State and the safety of its
2 citizens are of great concern to every legislator, public
3 servant, and first responder; and
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5 WHEREAS, after prevention, smoke detectors are the first
6 line of defense against fire and can cut the risk of death in a
7 home fire nearly in half; and
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9 WHEREAS, in recent years, approximately three-fifths of
10 home fire deaths occurred in homes without smoke detectors; and
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12 WHEREAS, in 2006, a total of 2,580 people died in 412,500
13 home fires that resulted in more than \$11,000,000,000 in
14 property damage; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Fire Department, the sixteenth
17 largest fire department in the nation, responds to over ten
18 thousand fires annually; and
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20 WHEREAS, with a home fire occurring in this country every
21 eighty-six seconds, the diligence, determination, and devotion
22 of Hawaii's firefighters can be augmented by a smoke detector in
23 every Hawaii home; and
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25 WHEREAS, inexpensive household smoke detectors can mean the
26 difference between life and death by sounding an early warning
27 in the event of a fire and waking people before they are
28 overcome by smoke and other poisonous gases; and
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30 WHEREAS, most low-income families in Hawaii cannot afford
31 home smoke detectors; and
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1 WHEREAS, low-income families are defined as families
2 qualifying for the State's general assistance program or the
3 federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children program; and
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5 WHEREAS, low-income families in Hawaii deserve the
6 protection that smoke detectors can provide; and
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8 WHEREAS, in states that observe daylight savings time the
9 day used to convert to daylight savings time is also used to
10 check smoke detector batteries and insure the safe operation of
11 smoke detectors; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
16 supports the installation and use of smoke detectors in every
17 Hawaii home by 2010; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that fire departments throughout
20 Hawaii are urged to designate April 15 as the day to remind
21 Hawaii's residents to check the batteries in their smoke
22 detectors and to make sure they operate effectively; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Fire Chiefs
25 Association and Hawaii State Fire Council are requested to
26 investigate the possibility of donating and distributing smoke
27 detectors to low-income families; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local fire departments are
30 requested to consider implementation of a program to provide
31 free smoke detectors in exchange for a free on-site fire safety
32 inspection of low-income family homes; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing
35 Authority is requested to consider installing smoke detectors in
36 all public housing projects in Hawaii and requiring a working
37 smoke detector as a requirement of residency; and
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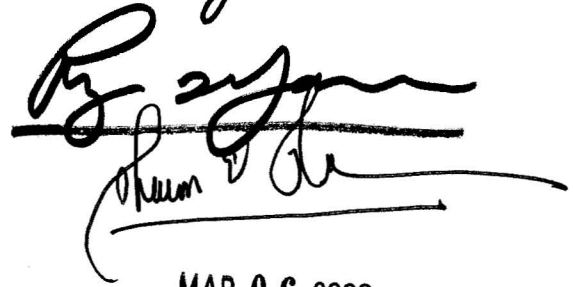
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to all county fire chiefs,
3 the Chair of the State Fire Council, and the Chairperson of the
4 Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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