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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS A BALANCED BUDGET.

1           WHEREAS, the United States federal government can spend  
2 more money than it takes in because there is no federal balanced  
3 budget requirement; and

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5           WHEREAS, this unfettered spending has resulted in a  
6 dangerously escalating national debt; and

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8           WHEREAS, at the close of fiscal year 2011, the United  
9 States national debt is projected to be more than \$14 trillion;  
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12           WHEREAS, the percentage of national debt attributable to  
13 each individual American citizen, including every new born baby,  
14 will be approximately \$46,000, while the percentage attributable  
15 to a family of four will be approximately \$184,000; and

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17           WHEREAS, The United States debtor nation status is causing  
18 international problems, and as a result, confidence in the  
19 United States is waning; and

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21           WHEREAS, if the United States balance sheets were those of  
22 a business in the private sector, the business would be deemed  
23 on the verge of bankruptcy; and

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25           WHEREAS, the national deficit is, in part, the result of  
26 the federal government continuing to duplicate state programs in  
27 violation of the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and

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29           WHEREAS, most states have a provision in their  
30 constitutions requiring that they have balanced budgets; and

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32           WHEREAS, spending borrowed money from the federal  
33 government is in clear violation of states' balanced budget  
34 requirements; and



# S.C.R. NO. 198

1           WHEREAS, certain federal entitlements and programs such as  
 2 Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security clearly have unfunded  
 3 future liabilities that will cause them to be insolvent; and  
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5           WHEREAS, a balanced budget amendment for the United States  
 6 Constitution would require Congress to fund a balanced budget;  
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9           WHEREAS, a balanced budget requirement would necessitate  
 10 Congress prioritizing spending, cutting inefficient and  
 11 duplicative programs, and retuning responsibilities and rights  
 12 to the states; now, therefore,  
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14           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
 15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
 16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
 17 supports an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a  
 18 balanced federal budget, and urges that a bill requiring a  
 19 balanced federal budget be introduced, heard, and moved out of  
 20 Committee, to receive the consideration of the full United  
 21 States Senate and the full United States House of  
 22 Representatives; and further the Legislature encourages Congress  
 23 and the President to support passage of this constitutional  
 24 amendment; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 28 United States and all members of Congress.  
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