
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO CONGRESS TO CALL A NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION.

1 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
2 authorizes Congress to call a convention for the purpose of
3 proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of
4 two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature supports the proposal and
7 ratification of the following amendments to the United States
8 Constitution:
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- 10 (1) A declaration of the constitutionality of the federal
11 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including
12 the individual mandate requiring the purchase of
13 health insurance;
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- 15 (2) An amendment to Article I, Section 5, to prohibit the
16 supermajority cloture requirement under Rule 22 of the
17 United States Senate for ending floor debates and
18 filibusters, to facilitate a more reasonable voting
19 standard for cloture;
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- 21 (3) An amendment abolishing the electoral college
22 established under Article II, Section 1, and providing
23 for the direct election of the United States President
24 and Vice President by voters; and
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- 26 (4) An amendment to Article II, Section 2, Clause 2, to
27 require that Senate confirmations of appointments of
28 officers of the United States be made by a simple
29 majority vote within sixty days of the nomination;
30 now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that pursuant to Article V of
4 the United States Constitution, the Legislature herewith
5 respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a
6 convention for the purpose of proposing the amendments to the
7 United States Constitution enumerated in this Concurrent
8 Resolution; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the constitutional convention
11 contemplated by this Concurrent Resolution be exclusively
12 limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification the
13 amendments to the United States Constitution enumerated in this
14 Concurrent Resolution; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Concurrent Resolution
17 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article
18 V of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of
19 the legislatures of the several states have made application for
20 a constitutional convention that is limited to consideration of
21 the amendments to the United States Constitution enumerated in
22 this Concurrent Resolution; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
26 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
27 of Representatives, Hawaii's congressional delegation, the
28 Governor, and to the presiding officers of each house of the
29 several state legislatures.

