
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT
SMOKING IN ALL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS AND STATE LOW-INCOME
HOUSING PROJECTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority has the
2 authority to adopt rules concerning public housing projects and
3 state low-income housing projects; and
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5 WHEREAS, residents of public housing and state low-income
6 housing projects should have a healthy living environment; and
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8 WHEREAS, smoke from cigarettes and other tobacco products
9 can cause serious health problems for persons who smoke and also
10 for persons exposed to secondhand smoke; and
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12 WHEREAS, approximately 443,000 persons die each year from
13 health problems related to smoking or secondhand smoke, and
14 8,600,000 persons live with serious illnesses caused by smoking;
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17 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development has encouraged public housing authorities to
19 implement non-smoking policies in public housing units; and
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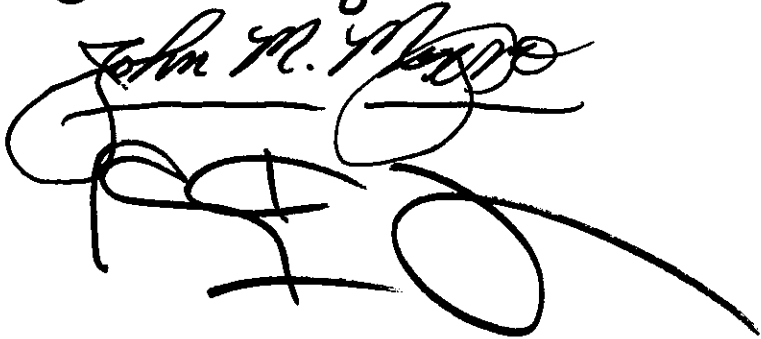
21 WHEREAS, public housing authorities and housing commissions
22 in states such as Alaska, California, Colorado, Main, Michigan,
23 New York, and Texas have implemented non-smoking policies in
24 their public housing projects; and
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26 WHEREAS, prohibiting smoking in the public housing and
27 state low-income housing projects under the jurisdiction of the
28 Hawaii Public Housing Authority would protect the health and
29 welfare of the residents of those projects; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 3 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 4 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Public Housing
 5 Authority is encouraged to prohibit smoking in all public
 6 housing and state low-income housing projects; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
 10 Services and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing
 11 Authority.
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