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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES TO  
PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HOUSING  
PROJECTS IN THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
2 the lead federal agency for comprehensive tobacco control, cites  
3 tobacco use as the single most preventable cause of disease,  
4 disability, and death in the United States; and  
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6           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
7 Prevention, each year, an estimated 443,000 people die  
8 prematurely from smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke, and  
9 another 8,600,000 people live with a serious illness caused by  
10 smoking; and  
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12           WHEREAS, in response to the risks posed to nonsmokers by  
13 secondhand smoke, indoor smoking bans are being adopted  
14 nationwide; and  
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16           WHEREAS, in a July 17, 2009, memorandum, recognizing that  
17 secondhand smoke can migrate between units in multifamily  
18 housing, the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
19 Development encouraged public housing authorities to implement  
20 non-smoking policies in some or all of their public housing  
21 units; and  
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23           WHEREAS, according to the Smoke-Free Environmental Law  
24 Project of the Center for Social Gerontology, an anti-smoking  
25 group funded by the Michigan Department of Health, there are at  
26 least 221 public housing authorities and housing commissions  
27 across the country that have implemented non-smoking policies in  
28 public housing projects, including authorities in Alaska,  
29 California, Colorado, Maine, Michigan, New York, and Texas; and



1 WHEREAS, making public housing projects in the State smoke-  
2 free will lessen fire hazards, decrease cleaning costs, enhance  
3 the upkeep of public housing units, and support the health and  
4 well-being of public housing tenants; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2012, that Hawaii Public Housing Authority is urged to adopt  
9 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to  
10 prohibit smoking in all federal housing projects, as defined in  
11 section 356D-1, HRS, and state low-income housing projects as  
12 defined in section 356D-51, HRS, respectively, in the State; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
15 is requested to complete the process of adopting and publishing  
16 its rules no later than July 1, 2013; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
19 is requested to submit to the Legislature no later than 20 days  
20 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013, a report  
21 of its progress in adopting rules that prohibit smoking in all  
22 federal and state public housing projects in the State; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services and  
26 the Executive Director of Hawaii Public Housing Authority.  
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