
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM.

1 WHEREAS, the United States was founded as a nation of
2 immigrants, a place where persons could escape persecution in
3 their home country in hopes of a brighter future based on
4 freedom and democratic ideals; and

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6 WHEREAS, the cultural diversity of immigrants to the United
7 States adds to the social fabric of this nation, and the new
8 ideas and energies immigrants contribute to the economy
9 strengthen the nation as a whole; and

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11 WHEREAS, there are currently 11,000,000 to 12,000,000
12 undocumented immigrants residing in the United States, the vast
13 majority of whom abide by the laws, work hard, and pay taxes;
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16 WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants are at risk of abuse by
17 employers and live in fear of arrest and deportation; and

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19 WHEREAS, the nation's immigration system is laden with
20 backlogs and as a result, legal immigrants may wait decades for
21 family reunification; and

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23 WHEREAS, at present, the "line" for legal immigration is
24 about 4,000,000 people long; and

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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to many immigrants and has a
27 special pride rooted in the diversity of its people as a
28 "cultural melting pot", which defines Hawaii's unique local
29 culture; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii, therefore, has a strong interest in
2 immigration policy and the impact it has on immigrants seeking a
3 new life in the United States; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2013, that the President of the United States and the
8 United States Congress are urged to enact comprehensive
9 immigration reform and provide a practical and inclusive path to
10 permanent citizenship that promotes fairness and justice, while
11 upholding human dignity and mutual respect; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any meaningful and
14 comprehensive immigration reform should not abridge the rights
15 or priority of those individuals currently in the United States
16 who have been waiting patiently over the years to become United
17 States citizens; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
21 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President
22 of the United States Senate, and members of Hawaii's
23 Congressional delegation.
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