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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH
AND IMPLEMENT A TOBACCO-FREE UNIVERSITY POLICY FOR ALL
UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES AND FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2 indicate that tobacco use is the single most preventable cause
3 of death in the United States, with tobacco-related diseases
4 resulting in \$96,000,000,000 in health care costs annually; and
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6 WHEREAS, the 2012 United States Surgeon General's Report
7 states that tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke are
8 serious public health concerns and that there is no safe level
9 of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke; and
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11 WHEREAS, the American College Health Association
12 acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General
13 that tobacco use in any form, active or passive, is a
14 significant health hazard on college campuses and should be
15 prohibited; and
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17 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2012, United States Assistant
18 Secretary for Health, Dr. Howard Koh; University of Michigan
19 President, Mary Sue Coleman; and tobacco policy experts and
20 educational leaders announced the official kick-off of the
21 national Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative at a symposium
22 at the University of Michigan School of Public Health; and
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24 WHEREAS, according to a list created by the American
25 Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, seven hundred sixty-six colleges
26 and universities in the United States already prohibit smoking
27 and all forms of tobacco use everywhere on campus with no
28 exceptions, including the University of Arkansas, all
29 universities in the University of California system, the
30 University of Florida, the University of Guam, the University of
31 Kentucky, the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, the



1 University of Michigan, the University of Montana, the
2 University of North Dakota, all public universities in the state
3 of Oklahoma, and the University of Oregon, but not including any
4 institution of higher education in Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, part of the mission of the University of Hawaii
7 system is to "ensure the survival of present and future
8 generations with improvement in the quality of life"; and
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10 WHEREAS, allowing smoking and tobacco use on University of
11 Hawaii campuses presents substantial fiscal burdens for employee
12 health care costs, absenteeism, turnover, physical facilities
13 upkeep, fire risks and losses, and litter control, and imposes
14 adverse impacts on the surrounding land and water environments
15 contrary to the University of Hawaii system's commitments and
16 core values concerning malama 'aina sustainability; and
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18 WHEREAS, section 302A-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
19 prohibits the use of tobacco at all Hawaii public schools or at
20 public functions at all times; and
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22 WHEREAS, therefore, most students now attending the
23 University of Hawaii have graduated from schools where tobacco
24 use was prohibited and have come to expect tobacco-free
25 educational facilities as the norm; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of
28 Hawaii at Manoa passed Senate Resolution 05-12 in February 2012
29 calling upon the University of Hawaii at Manoa administration to
30 prohibit smoking and all forms of tobacco use everywhere
31 throughout the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus, and the
32 Manoa Faculty Senate voted to support the Associated Students of
33 the University of Hawaii at Manoa Senate Resolution 05-12 in
34 March 2012; and
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36 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Twenty-third Legislature of the State
37 of Hawaii passed a smoke-free workplaces law (Act 295, Session
38 Laws of Hawaii 2006), but the University of Hawaii's policy on
39 tobacco products, executive policy E10.102, was last updated
40 over ten years ago, prior to the enactment of that law and of
41 section 302A-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes (smoke-free public
42 schools);
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1 WHEREAS, therefore, executive policy E10.102 not only
2 severely lags behind subsequent changes in state law, but also
3 behind community norms and attitudes with regards to tobacco
4 use; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that University of Hawaii
9 administration is encouraged to take prompt action to prohibit
10 smoking and the use of any tobacco products by all persons
11 including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors on
12 all campuses and campus facilities owned or operated by the
13 University of Hawaii; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii
16 administration is requested to take prompt action to effectively
17 implement policies to make all University of Hawaii campuses
18 tobacco-free, including posting adequate signage clearly
19 notifying all persons of the University's tobacco-free policy
20 and carrying out a public information campaign to enable smooth
21 implementation; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii
24 administration is encouraged to carry out the provisions of
25 executive policy E10.102(D), which calls upon university
26 administrators to create and implement meaningful plans to
27 discourage the initiation of tobacco product use and the
28 transition from occasional to nicotine-dependent tobacco product
29 use, and to assist the substantial number of tobacco product
30 users who are trying to quit; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
34 University of Hawaii and the Chairperson of the Board of Regents
35 of the University of Hawaii.
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