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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION OF
THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United
States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty
against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

1 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
2 authorizes the calling of a convention for proposing amendments
3 to the Constitution upon the application of two-thirds of the
4 several states; and

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6 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing
7 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

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9 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate
10 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal
11 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

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13 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a
14 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States;
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17 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
18 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come,
19 by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States
20 through a Convention of the States under Article V for the
21 purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now,
22 therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
26 this legislative body does hereby apply to Congress under the
27 provisions of Article V of United States Constitution for the
28 calling of a convention of the states, limited to proposing
29 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose



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1 fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and
 2 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of
 3 office for its officials and for members of Congress; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall
 6 constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V
 7 of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at
 8 least two-thirds of the several states have made application on
 9 the same subject; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the President and Secretary of the
 13 United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United
 14 States House of Representatives, all members of the legislature
 15 of the state of Hawaii; and also to transmit copies hereof to
 16 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in each
 17 of the other 49 states, requesting their cooperation.
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