
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT
VIOLATIONS OF THE PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN AND AROUND
PUBLIC HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has
2 declared that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand
3 smoke and that breathing even small amounts of secondhand smoke
4 can be dangerous; and

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6 WHEREAS, "thirdhand smoke" is generally considered to be
7 the residual nicotine and other chemicals left on a variety of
8 indoor surfaces by tobacco smoke; and

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10 WHEREAS, residue from thirdhand smoke builds up on surfaces
11 over time, resists routine cleaning, and cannot be eliminated by
12 airing out rooms, opening windows, using fans or air
13 conditioners, or confining smoking to only certain areas of a
14 home; and

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16 WHEREAS, thirdhand smoke residue is thought to react with
17 common indoor pollutants to create a toxic mix that contains
18 cancer-causing substances, which poses a potential health hazard
19 to nonsmokers who are exposed to it, especially children; and

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21 WHEREAS, Act 91, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, enacted a
22 prohibition on smoking in and around public-housing projects,
23 state low-income housing projects, and elder or elderly
24 households in an effort to provide smoke-free environments for
25 families; and

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27 WHEREAS, violators of the prohibition established by Act
28 91, codified as section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may
29 negatively affect the health of subsequent tenants and guests of
30 public housing projects, state low-income housing projects, and
31 elder or elderly households due to the dangers associated with
32 thirdhand smoke; and



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WHEREAS, violations of section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, should be factored into the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's decisions to grant or deny lease extensions or enter into new lease agreements with violators of the smoking prohibition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requested to document violations of the prohibitions in section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requested to permanently retain this documentation in a resident's record for the Authority to consider when it evaluates whether to continue any existing lease agreement or to enter into any new lease agreement with the resident; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

OFFERED BY: *PCan*
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