
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE 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



1 elder or elderly households due to the dangers associated with
2 thirdhand smoke; now, therefore,

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

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing
11 Authority is requested to retain this documentation in a
12 resident's record to comply with the rules of the Hawaii Public
13 Housing Authority; and

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

