
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO RESTORE HIS ADMINISTRATION'S
PROPOSED \$1,300,000,000 CUT TO THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD'S BUDGET.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard plays a vital role
2 in the security of the State of Hawaii and nation including port
3 security, anti-terrorism force protection, maritime and
4 infrastructure protection, and law enforcement; and
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6 WHEREAS, over 1,150 active duty, 150 reserve, 80 civilian,
7 and 400 auxiliary personnel compose the Honolulu-based United
8 States Coast Guard District Fourteen, which covers more than
9 12,200,000 square miles of land and sea, the largest territory
10 of all Coast Guard districts; and
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12 WHEREAS, the priority policies of the administration of
13 President Donald J. Trump include enhancing border security,
14 preventing illegal immigration, fighting terrorism, enforcing
15 the law, and investing in the nation's military; and
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17 WHEREAS, contrary to these stated policy objectives, the
18 Trump administration is proposing to cut \$1,300,000,000 from the
19 Coast Guard's \$9,100,000,000 budget, resulting in an 11.8
20 percent decrease of military funding for a Coast Guard that
21 enhances border security, prevents illegal immigration, fights
22 terrorism, and enforces the law; and
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24 WHEREAS, the steady decline in the Coast Guard's budget
25 since 2010 has generally constrained Coast Guard operations,
26 negatively impacted Coast Guard missions and infrastructure, and
27 delayed necessary recapitalization efforts; and
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29 WHEREAS, recapitalization plans for nine new cutters to
30 replace aging cutters from the 1960s are underway with one
31 recently allocated to Hawaii and another to follow in the near
32 future; and



1 WHEREAS, Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly in his
2 previous capacity as Commanding Officer of United States
3 Southern Command testified before the United States Congress in
4 support of recapitalization of the Coast Guard's deteriorating
5 cutter fleet; and

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7 WHEREAS, the recapitalization plan is not feasible with the
8 proposed budget cuts; and

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10 WHEREAS, Secretary John Kelly further testified that the
11 most effective non-violent means to interdict drugs is through
12 our maritime borders; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Coast Guard prevented a record breaking
15 416,000 pounds of illegal drugs, worth nearly \$5,600,000,000
16 from entering the United States in 2016; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2017, that President Donald J. Trump is urged to restore his
21 administration's proposed \$1,300,000,000 cut to the United
22 States Coast Guard's budget; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to President Donald J. Trump and the
26 Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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