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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION.

1 WHEREAS, the concealed carry of a loaded handgun with a  
2 permit is legal in the State of Hawaii and in all fifty states,  
3 and each state has its own standards for who may carry a firearm  
4 in public; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has allowed the concealed  
7 carry of firearms and has always applied its own standards,  
8 including authorizing issuers to deny permits to people who lack  
9 good moral character or good moral cause to carry concealed  
10 handguns; and

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12 WHEREAS, while the State of Hawaii requires safety training  
13 for every concealed carry permit applicant, nineteen states  
14 allow concealed carry by people who have never had safety  
15 training; and

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17 WHEREAS, unlike the State of Hawaii, twenty-five states do  
18 not allow issuers to deny concealed carry by people with  
19 dangerous warning signs, such as a history of domestic  
20 disturbances or mental health concerns; and

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22 WHEREAS, while the State of Hawaii blocks anyone with a  
23 felony stalking conviction from attaining a concealed carry  
24 permit, twenty-two states allow concealed carry by some  
25 convicted stalkers; and

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27 WHEREAS, while the State of Hawaii blocks concealed carry  
28 by abusive domestic partners subject to restraining orders,  
29 fifteen states allow concealed carry by some of these abusers or  
30 individuals with domestic violence convictions; and  
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1 WHEREAS, "concealed carry reciprocity" would force the  
2 State to allow any of these individuals - people with no firearm  
3 safety training, people with dangerous histories, people with  
4 violent misdemeanor records, convicted stalkers, and abusive  
5 domestic partners - to carry concealed handguns in public; and

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7 WHEREAS, twelve states do not require any permit, training,  
8 or criminal history check to carry a concealed firearm in  
9 public, including eight states that have repealed their permit  
10 requirement in the past three years; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii attracts visitors from the  
13 remaining forty-nine states and Washington, D.C., in addition to  
14 visitors traveling from around the world; and

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16 WHEREAS, "concealed carry reciprocity" would force the  
17 State to accept lesser standards and allow certain people to  
18 carry concealed guns throughout the State; and

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20 WHEREAS, public safety decisions are often conducted on the  
21 local level, and each state has always retained its own  
22 authority to determine which individuals are too dangerous or  
23 reckless to carry concealed firearms; and

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25 WHEREAS, concealed carry standards are not similar to  
26 driver's licenses because states set largely identical  
27 requirements for driving and uniformly require an eyesight test,  
28 a road test, and a written test, while concealed carry standards  
29 vary drastically by state and several states do not require  
30 permits at all; and

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32 WHEREAS, unlike with driver's licenses, there is often no  
33 way to confirm that an out-of-state concealed carry permit is  
34 valid, and in contrast with "concealed carry reciprocity",  
35 states have voluntarily recognized each other's driver's  
36 licenses; now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
39 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
40 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that this body opposes federal  
41 "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation, such as S. 446, 115th



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1 Cong. 2017; H.R. 38, 115th Cong. 2017; and other similar  
2 legislation that proposes to:

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4 (1) Remove state and local police power to set public  
5 safety standards for who may carry a concealed firearm  
6 in public; and  
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8 (2) Put local law enforcement at risk when encountering an  
9 armed out-of-state visitor who may be carrying with no  
10 permit whatsoever - often leaving police and sheriffs  
11 with no means to verify whether the person is carrying  
12 lawfully; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges Hawaii's  
15 congressional delegation and the United States Congress to  
16 oppose federal "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body reiterates its  
19 support for common-sense gun legislation to keep guns out of  
20 dangerous hands, including standards that ensure people cannot  
21 legally carry guns concealed in Hawaii communities without  
22 proper safety training or if they pose a danger to the public;  
23 and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of  
27 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of  
28 Representatives, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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