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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO CONVENE A LIMITED NATIONAL CONVENTION  
UNDER ARTICLE V FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT WILL LIMIT  
THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS.

1 WHEREAS, the framers of the Constitution of the United  
2 States of America intended that the Congress of the United  
3 States of America should be "dependent on the people alone"  
4 (Alexander Hamilton or James Madison, Federalist No. 52); and  
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6 WHEREAS, many reasonable persons perceive that dependency  
7 has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a  
8 dependency on powerful monied interests, through campaigns or  
9 third-party groups, and that a fundamental imbalance in our  
10 representative democracy now exists; and  
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12 WHEREAS, many Americans agree that elections in the United  
13 States of America should be free from the disproportional  
14 influence of powerful monied interests and fair enough that any  
15 citizen can be elected into office; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution  
18 requires Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments  
19 to the federal Constitution on the application of the  
20 legislatures of two-thirds of the several states; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution of the  
23 State of Hawaii states that all political power of the State "is  
24 inherent in the people and the responsibility for the exercise  
25 thereof rests with the people. All government is founded on this  
26 authority"; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature understands that a  
29 limited Article V convention may be successful in restoring



1 balance and integrity to our elections by proposing an amendment  
2 to the federal Constitution that will permanently protect free  
3 and fair elections in America by addressing, inter alia, issues  
4 raised by the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in  
5 *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876  
6 (2010), and related cases and events, and desires that said  
7 convention should be so limited; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii desires that the delegates to  
10 said convention shall be comprised equally of individuals  
11 currently elected to State and local office, or be selected by  
12 election, in each Congressional district for the purpose of  
13 serving as delegates; provided that all individuals elected or  
14 appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited  
15 from serving as delegates to the convention, as the State  
16 intends to retain the ability to restrict or expand the power of  
17 its delegates within the limits expressed herein; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii intends that this be a  
20 continuing application considered together with applications  
21 calling for a convention passed in the 2013-2014 Vermont  
22 Legislature as Act No. R-454; the 2013-2014 California  
23 Legislature as Assembly Joint Resolution No.1, Chapter 77; the  
24 98th Illinois General Assembly as Senate Joint Resolution No.  
25 42; the 2014-2015 New Jersey Legislature as Senate Concurrent  
26 Resolution No. 132; the 2015-2016 Rhode Island Legislature as  
27 House Resolution No. 7670 and Senate Resolution No. 2589; and  
28 all other passed, pending, and future applications until such  
29 time as the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states  
30 have applied for a convention for a similar purpose and said  
31 convention is convened by Congress; now, therefore,  
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
35 2019, the Senate concurring, that this body hereby requests the  
36 United States Congress to call a convention as soon as the  
37 legislatures of two-thirds of the several states have applied  
38 for a convention for a similar purpose for the exclusive purpose  
39 of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
40 States of America whose purpose will be to limit the influence  
41 of money in our electoral process, by rendering moot the



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application is for an Article V convention and does not grant Congress the authority to call a convention for any purpose other than for the sole purpose set forth in this Concurrent Resolution, as soon as the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states have applied for a convention for a similar purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States in the Vice President's capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, President *Pro Tempore* of the United States Senate, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation with the respectful request that the full and complete text of this Concurrent Resolution be printed in the Congressional Record, and the presiding officers of each legislative body of each of the several states, requesting the cooperation of the states in issuing an application compelling Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution.

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