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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO  
DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF MULTIUNIT BUILDINGS WITH SMOKE-FREE  
POLICIES, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUMS AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS,  
AND EXAMINE THE TYPES OF SMOKE-FREE POLICIES IN USE.

1           WHEREAS, section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 prohibits smoking in and around public housing projects, elder  
3 or elderly housing, or state low-income housing projects, within  
4 each individual housing unit, all common areas, community  
5 facilities, and twenty-five feet from any entrance, exit,  
6 window, and ventilation intake that serves an enclosed or  
7 partially enclosed area; and

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9           WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is smoke from burning tobacco  
10 products, such as cigarettes, cigars, or pipes, which has been  
11 exhaled by the smoker; and

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13           WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease  
14 Control and Prevention, tobacco smoke contains a deadly mix of  
15 more than seven thousand chemicals of which about seventy can  
16 cause cancer and hundreds are toxic; and

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18           WHEREAS, there is no safe level of secondhand smoke  
19 exposure; and

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21           WHEREAS, secondhand smoke can cause disease and early death  
22 in children and adult nonsmokers who inhale dangerous chemicals  
23 through involuntary or passive smoking; and

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25           WHEREAS, babies and children who are exposed to secondhand  
26 smoke are at greater risk for sudden infant death syndrome, lung  
27 problems, ear infections, more frequent and severe asthma  
28 attacks, and cancer; and



1 WHEREAS, in adults, secondhand smoke can cause heart  
2 disease, stroke, and lung cancer; and  
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4 WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2009 an estimated thirty-four  
5 thousand heart disease deaths and more than seven thousand three  
6 hundred lung cancer deaths among adult nonsmokers were caused by  
7 secondhand smoke exposure in the United States; and  
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9 WHEREAS, most children and adults are exposed to secondhand  
10 smoke in their homes and according to the federal Centers for  
11 Disease Control and Prevention, each year twenty-eight million  
12 multiunit housing residents are exposed to secondhand smoke in  
13 their homes or apartments that originated in another location in  
14 the building; and  
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16 WHEREAS, according to the United States Surgeon General,  
17 secondhand smoke can travel between homes in multiunit buildings  
18 and common areas and opening windows or using ventilation  
19 systems, including fans, air conditioning, or other traditional  
20 separation strategies, cannot eliminate exposure to toxins in  
21 secondhand smoke; and  
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23 WHEREAS, smoke-free policies can reduce secondhand smoke  
24 exposure, improve health, and save money; and  
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26 WHEREAS, for example, it is estimated that the annual cost  
27 savings resulting from a nation-wide smoke-free policy in  
28 subsidized housing could be \$310,000,000 in secondhand smoke  
29 related health care and \$153,000,000 for cleaning costs and fire  
30 losses attributable to smoking; and  
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32 WHEREAS, in light of the rising demand in Hawaii for  
33 multiunit housing, the State must make every effort to reach its  
34 housing plan's overall goal that "every Hawaii resident will  
35 have the opportunity to live in a safe, decent and affordable  
36 home"; now, therefore,  
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
39 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
40 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Commerce and  
41 Consumer Affairs is requested to determine the number of  
42 multiunit buildings with smoke-free policies that are not



1 covered by section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including  
2 condominiums and apartment buildings, and examine the types of  
3 smoke-free policies in use; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
6 Consumer Affairs is requested to encourage multiunit building  
7 owners, associations, and managers to implement smoke-free  
8 policies where secondhand smoke can travel into individual  
9 units, with a special emphasis on common areas and limited  
10 common areas, such as lanais adjoining individual units; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
13 Consumer Affairs is requested to provide, where appropriate,  
14 information and education on the hazards of secondhand smoke and  
15 benefits of smoke-free policies to multiunit buildings owners,  
16 associations, and managers; and  
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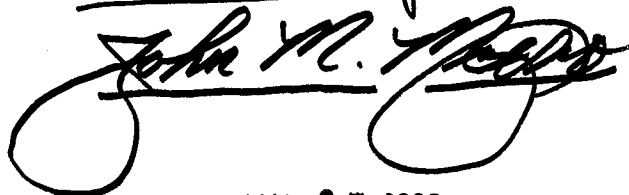
18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
19 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and  
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
21 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of  
22 the Regular Session of 2021; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce  
26 and Consumer Affairs.  
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OFFERED BY:



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