
HOUSE 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

29 WHEREAS, in adults, secondhand smoke can cause heart
30 disease, stroke, and lung cancer; and



1 WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2009 an estimated thirty-four
2 thousand heart disease deaths and more than seven thousand three
3 hundred lung cancer deaths among adult nonsmokers were caused by
4 secondhand smoke exposure in the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, most children and adults are exposed to secondhand
7 smoke in their homes and according to the federal Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention, each year twenty-eight million
9 multiunit housing residents are exposed to secondhand smoke in
10 their homes or apartments that originated in another location in
11 the building; and

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13 WHEREAS, according to the United States Surgeon General,
14 secondhand smoke can travel between homes in multiunit buildings
15 and common areas and opening windows or using ventilation
16 systems, including fans, air conditioning, or other traditional
17 separation strategies, cannot eliminate exposure to toxins in
18 secondhand smoke; and

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20 WHEREAS, smoke-free policies can reduce secondhand smoke
21 exposure, improve health, and save money; and

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23 WHEREAS, for example, it is estimated that the annual cost
24 savings resulting from a nation-wide smoke-free policy in
25 subsidized housing could be \$310,000,000 in secondhand smoke
26 related health care and \$153,000,000 for cleaning costs and fire
27 losses attributable to smoking; and

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29 WHEREAS, in light of the rising demand in Hawaii for
30 multiunit housing, the State must make every effort to reach its
31 housing plan's overall goal that "every Hawaii resident will
32 have the opportunity to live in a safe, decent and affordable
33 home"; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
37 2020, that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is
38 requested to determine the number of multiunit buildings with
39 smoke-free policies that are not covered by section 356D-6.5,
40 Hawaii Revised Statutes, including condominiums and apartment



1 buildings, and examine the types of smoke-free policies in use;
2 and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
5 Consumer Affairs is requested to encourage multiunit building
6 owners, associations, and managers to implement smoke-free
7 policies where secondhand smoke can travel into individual
8 units, with a special emphasis on common areas and limited
9 common areas, such as lanais adjoining individual units; and



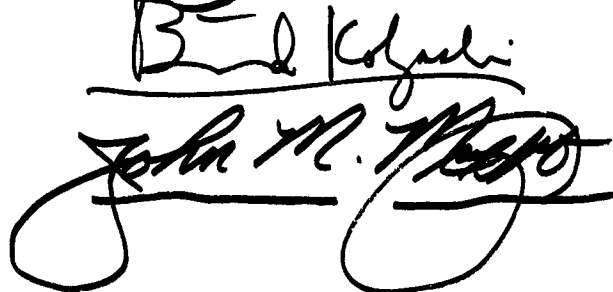
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
12 Consumer Affairs is requested to provide, where appropriate,
13 information and education on the hazards of secondhand smoke and
14 benefits of smoke-free policies to multiunit buildings owners,
15 associations, and managers; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
18 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
20 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
21 the Regular Session of 2021; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
25 Consumer Affairs.

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OFFERED BY:



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