
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING
THE SEPARATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKING
FUNCTIONS THROUGH THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE GLASS-STEAGALL
ACT OF 1933 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION.

1 WHEREAS, an effective money and banking system is essential
2 to the functioning of the economy; and

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4 WHEREAS, banking systems must function in the public
5 interest, without bias; and

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7 WHEREAS, for sixty-six years, the Federal Banking Act of
8 1933, known as the Glass-Steagall Act, protected the public
9 interest in matters dealing with the regulation of commercial
10 and investment banking, in addition to insurance companies and
11 securities; and

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13 WHEREAS, sections of the Glass-Steagall Act were repealed
14 in 1999, which may have partially contributed to the speculative
15 financial bubble and the Great Recession, which was a worldwide
16 recession that occurred between 2007 and 2009; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Great Recession left millions of homes in
19 foreclosure and resulted in millions of lost jobs nationwide;
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22 WHEREAS, the Great Recession placed severe financial strain
23 on states, counties, and cities, exacerbating unemployment and
24 loss of public services; and

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26 WHEREAS, efforts have been made by the United States Senate
27 and United States House of Representatives to restore certain
28 protections of the Glass-Steagall Act; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2017, Senator Elizabeth Warren introduced S.
2 881, known as the 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act of 2017, which
3 aimed to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks'
4 ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting
5 conflicts of interest and reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act
6 protections; and
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8 WHEREAS, the reinstatement of the separation between
9 commercial banking and investment banking is necessary to
10 strengthen the country's financial system and put an end to the
11 financial practices and speculative activities that led to the
12 collapse of the housing market and the Great Recession; now,
13 therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress
18 is requested to pass legislation that would reinstate
19 regulations requiring the separation of commercial and
20 investment banking functions that were in effect under the
21 Glass-Steagall Act, including prohibitions aimed at preventing
22 commercial banks and bank holding companies from investing in
23 stocks, underwriting securities, or investing in or acting as
24 guarantors to derivative transactions; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
28 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
29 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional
30 delegation.
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