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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REPEAL THE \$10,000 LIMITATION ON THE DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ENACTED BY THE FEDERAL TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017.

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97 (Act) was signed into law as the largest overhaul of the federal tax code in the past thirty years and which included a \$10,000 limitation on deductions for state and local taxes (SALT cap); and

WHEREAS, the SALT cap is leading to an increase in states' deficits, which are statutorily required to be offset by reductions in outlays or increases in other revenue to maintain budget outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the SALT cap decreases after—tax income for taxpayers, which causes more financial hardship and a decrease in the consumption of goods and services that is vital for economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the SALT cap disproportionately reduces Hawaii residents' after-tax income compared to states that have a lower tax rate or cost of living due to having a flat limitation level; and

WHEREAS, the SALT cap does not take into account significant factors such as inflation or marital status; and

WHEREAS, the working people of the State are in desperate need of tax relief; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the 116th Congress that would modify the SALT cap, including increasing the SALT cap level for some or all taxpayers or repealing the SALT cap entirely; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is urged to introduce and support legislation that would repeal the state and local taxes cap, which negatively impacts the State's residents and economy; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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