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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO ASSIST THE HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH OBTAINING A FEDERAL EXEMPTION FOR
THE STATE AUTHORIZED USE OF CANNABIS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict between state and federal
2 regulation of cannabis is causing devastating consequences for
3 Hawaii's lawfully registered medical cannabis patients and
4 licensed dispensaries; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature addressed the conflict by
7 unanimously adopting House Concurrent Resolution No. 132,
8 Regular Session of 2021 (H.C.R. No. 132), requesting the Hawaii
9 Department of Health to file a federal exemption application for
10 the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii with the Drug
11 Enforcement Administration; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has resisted moving
14 forward with this request because of potential negative
15 repercussions for the State's medical cannabis program; and
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17 WHEREAS, states have reserved the authority to decide how
18 cannabis is regulated within their jurisdiction; and
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20 WHEREAS, the federal appropriations rider known as the
21 Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment, which prevents the Department of
22 Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration from using
23 resources to interfere with state medical cannabis programs
24 continues to be in force; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
28 that the Drug Enforcement Administration is requested to assist
29 the Hawaii Department of Health with obtaining a federal
30 exemption for the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii;
31 and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the Drug



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1 Enforcement Administration, Hawaii's Congressional Delegation,
2 Governor, Attorney General of Hawaii, and Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

