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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION EXEMPTING  
FROM THE JONES ACT ALL MARINE CARGO SHIPMENTS TO AND FROM  
THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly known as  
2 the Jones Act, requires among other things, that all goods that  
3 are shipped within the United States be transported by United  
4 States-flagged vessels that are primarily operated by United  
5 States citizens; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Hawaii is an archipelago and thus much of Hawaii's  
8 inter- or intra-state cargo shipments require marine  
9 transportation and are therefore subject to the Jones Act; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Hawaii consistently ranks as the state with the  
12 highest cost of living; and  
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14           WHEREAS, each year, the Jones Act costs the State an  
15 estimated \$1,200,000,000, and Hawaii families an estimated  
16 \$1,800; and  
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18           WHEREAS, exempting Hawaii from the Jones Act may  
19 significantly reduce the cost of living in Hawaii; now,  
20 therefore,  
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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the United States  
25 Congress is urged to enact legislation exempting from the Jones  
26 Act all marine cargo shipments to and from the State of Hawaii;  
27 and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of



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1 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of  
2 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional  
3 delegation.  
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