
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ENACT LAWS
TO AUTHORIZE ONLY HAWAII RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL
REAL PROPERTIES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii, as an island state, has a scarcity of
2 land; and

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4 WHEREAS, among available lands, only a fraction may be used
5 for residential purposes; and

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7 WHEREAS, purchases of residential real properties by
8 nonresidents significantly raise the market prices of homes,
9 making it difficult for Hawaii residents to purchase homes of
10 their own; and

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12 WHEREAS, a state law that would authorize only Hawaii
13 residents to purchase residential real properties in the State
14 would significantly decrease the prices of homes; and

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16 WHEREAS, such a state law would face legal challenges based
17 on the probable violation of the Constitution of the United
18 States; and

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20 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the
21 United States, the United States Congress has the power, through
22 a two-thirds majority vote in each of its houses, to propose
23 that states ratify amendments to that Constitution; now,
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2024, that the United States Congress is requested to
29 propose to the states the ratification of an amendment to the
30 Constitution of the United States to authorize the State of



1 Hawaii to enact laws to authorize only Hawaii residents to
2 purchase residential real properties in the State; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United
6 States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
7 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional
8 delegation.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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