

**Hawai'i Speech League
District Qualifying
Congressional Debate Tournament
Pacific Buddhist Academy
March 14, 2020**



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Aloha e Hawai'i Speech League Congressional Debaters and Coaches,

The following legislation is respectfully submitted for the Hawai'i Speech League's Congressional Debate District Qualifying Tournament at Pacific Buddhist Academy on March 14, 2020.

The student who authored the bill will have the right to the Authorship Speech. If they elect not to author their own bill, a representative from their school will have the first right of sponsorship. If no student wishes to sponsor, the debate will move to the first affirmative.

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In the event that all legislation is debated, the chamber will set an agenda to debate the following reserve bills. Debate will begin with a 1st Affirmative Speech, no Authorships or Sponsorships. These bills will not be debated until all primary legislation has been exhausted.

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You may set any agenda of these items at the tournament with a majority vote.

No outside legislation, or “day of” tournament legislation submissions will be accepted.

Students may run for presiding officer. A different presiding officer will serve for each session. Please direct all questions or concerns to Nick Ernst at niernst@ksbe.edu.

Respectfully,

Nick Ernst

B/R_____

**A Bill to Fund the Training and
Arming of Public School Teachers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall fund the proper training and
3 arming of teachers who request to carry a proper firearm in public schools
4 to prevent and respond to school gun violence.

5 **SECTION 2.** Proper training is a training program approved by the Department of
6 Homeland Security that provides teachers with the resources needed to
7 possess and use a firearm. A proper firearm is defined as any range of
8 handguns approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall oversee
10 the enactment of this legislation.

11 A. A school must approve of a teacher's request to carry a firearm before
12 any action is taken. The DHS and schools shall be required to vet, train
13 and arm eligible teachers, meeting standards to be set by the DHS, at
14 the consent of said teachers. Armed teachers must be reevaluated and
15 must pass a mental health test set by the DHS every school semester.

16 B. Schools must provide safe, hidden storage for the firearms as to not
17 affect the learning atmosphere. The identities of armed teachers must be
18 known only to school administration.

19 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Vierra.

B/R_____

The Internet for All Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government (USFG) shall acquire all broadband
3 and Internet-related infrastructure, considering it a public utility. The USFG
4 shall also guarantee access to Internet service free of charge to US citizens.
5 In addition, the USFG shall recognize access to the Internet as a basic
6 human right.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Internet and related broadband services that will be covered by the
8 United States Federal Government will be access to the internet platform
9 and shall not include subscriptions/membership fees to any websites. A
10 Public Utility is defined as a service provided and maintained by an entity
11 for the public at large.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade
13 Commission shall oversee the enforcement and implementation of this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Blaisdell.

B/R_____

High Skilled Immigrant Revision Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The bill will phase out the per country limits on employment-based
3 immigrant visas (or green cards), which lead to permanent resident status
4 which will increase the number of green cards over the next 5 years.

5 **SECTION 2.** A green card is known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a
6 document issued to immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act
7 as evidence that the bearer has been granted the privilege of residing in the
8 United States.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Homeland Security will oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 A. This bill increases the per-country cap on family-based immigrant visas
12 from 7% of the total number of such visas available that year to 15%
13 and eliminates the 7% cap for employment-based immigrant visas. It
14 also removes an offset that reduced the number of visas for individuals
15 from China.

16 B. This Bill also specifically revises EB2 and EB3 green cards to create a
17 more balanced wait time for green card applicants from all nationalities.

18 **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall go into effect January 1st, 2021.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Mana.

B/R_____

**A Bill to Mandate the Stop the Bleed Initiative
to Be Taught in Schools**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall mandate the Stop the Bleed
3 Initiative to be taught in public K-12 schools to create a safer school
4 environment.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Stop the Bleed Initiative is a national movement to encourage and train
6 bystanders to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services and the
8 United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation and will work with each state's Department of Education.

10 A. Each school will be provided with one bleeding control kit supplied by
11 local Emergency Medical Services.

12 B. Blood control training will be organized with every school's faculty and
13 administrative staff conducted by local Emergency Medical Services
14 staff.

15 C. Once at least five people are trained, an additional five kits will be sent
16 to the school.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2021.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Alamodin.

A Bill to Replace Fossil Fuels With Alternative Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall replace all fossil fuel usage with alternative energy by 2065.

SECTION 2. Alternative energy that will be used when the bill is enacted will be solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, and hydropower energy.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Energy (DOE) will oversee the enactment of this legislation.

A. Mandatory surveys will be conducted by the DOE officials for each state to ensure that goals listed in Section 4 of this legislation are met by each individual.

B. Individuals who are found not meeting the goals will be fined \$50 which will be doubled every month until they pay the total amount of their fine.

C. Companies and businesses that don't reach goals will be fined 5% of their total profits and will increase by 1% every 2 months until they pay the total amount of their fine.

D. Fines cannot be paid until goals listed in Section 4 of this legislation are met.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted on January 1st, 2021. Goals that shall be met should be by:

A. A. 2030 where all factories and manufacturing places will be converted to alternative energy.

B. 2040 where all electricity powered homes and public and private infrastructure will be converted to alternative energy.

C. 2050 where all vehicles and machines will be converted to eco-friendly cars.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Cresencia.

B/R_____

A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall implement a Universal Basic
3 Income to all citizens across the United States by replacing means-tested
4 welfare programs to address the growing poverty issue.

5 **SECTION 2.** A Universal Basic Income (UBI) is a guarantee that each citizen receives a
6 minimum income in order to cover the basic cost of living and provide
7 financial security.

8 A. A UBI will give each citizen 18 years and older \$1000 a month and
9 those below the age of 18 years old will receive \$500 a month. These
10 payments will not be subject to income taxation.

11 B. Means-tested welfare programs consist of federal assistance to poor and
12 lower-income people including services and benefits across 79
13 programs.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Treasury shall oversee the enactment of
15 this legislation.

16 A. UBI will be funded by reallocating funds from means-tested welfare
17 programs to UBI. Additional funding for UBI, if there is any, will come
18 from a 5% tax rate on those above the poverty threshold each time it is
19 assessed and placed.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted on January 1, 2021.

21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Fisher.

B/R_____

A Bill to Forgive Federal Collegiate Student Loans

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall forgive all outstanding Federal Student Loans due for post-secondary institutions to ensure all students are not in debt for years post-graduation.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

A. Forgive means the cancellation of current negative balance.

B. Federal Student Loans refers to an appropriated sum of money offered and accepted by recipient students through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid program.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education shall oversee the enactment of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enacted on July 1st, 2024.

A. Eligible student loans apply to Spring 2024 and preceding academic terms.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Leomo.

B/R_____

A Bill to Increase Counterterrorism Measures in Nigeria

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall increase counterterrorism measures in Nigeria to decrease the growing presence of Boko Haram.

SECTION 2. Boko Haram is a jihadist terrorist organization active in Northern Nigeria, formed to spread Islamic propaganda to people.

A. Counterterrorism measures are the government's measures to counter or prevent terrorism, including the use of military force, weapons, establishing bases, and other measures used to support counterterrorism not listed in this legislation.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Defense will oversee the enactment of this legislation.

A. 5,000 US military personnel will be sent to Nigeria to increase military presence.

B. The Nigerian military will also receive training and equipment from US military personnel to continue combating Boko Haram once its threat has been contained.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted by January 1st, 2021.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Ng.

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A Bill to Rejoin the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall rejoin the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to
3 lawfully condemn Iran’s nuclear program with international support and
4 prevent further actions to support their program.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) is an agreement between
6 the United States, the European Union, China, France, Russia, the United
7 Kingdom, Germany, and Iran. The agreement’s purpose was to prevent
8 proliferation of nuclear arms.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will oversee the enactment of this
10 legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2021.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Vannatta.

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**An Act to Provide for the Admission of
The State of Puerto Rico into the Union**

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States of America shall admit the State of Puerto Rico into the Union and it shall be declared admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the other States in all of there respects. The State of Puerto Rico shall be declared a Democratic State and confirm with the Constitution of the United States and the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

SECTION 2. The State of Puerto Rico Shall consist of the island of Puerto Rico, and the surrounding reefs around the island of Puerto Rico.

A. The land shall be divided into the already existing eight distracts based on the number of inhabitants, and it shall comprise of one or more representative districts. This will ensure that the island is equally divided for the elections of the members of the House of Representatives.

B. The island shall get two senators in the United States senate and two and two congressional representatives in the United States house. This shall consist of two voting districts

SECTION 3. The Constitution of the State of Hawaii shall always be democratic in form and shall not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States and the principles to the Declaration of Independence.

A. The House of Representatives and the United States Senate shall oversee the admittance of Puerto Rico into the Union.

B. If any states disagree to this than, Puerto Rico shall not be admitted into the Union.

SECTION 4. All legislation in conflict with this shall be considered null and void.

SECTION 5. The State of Puerto Rico shall be admitted to the Union on January 1st, 2021.

Introduced by Legislator Heyler.

B/R_____

**A Resolution to Repeal
the National Emergencies Act of 1976**

1 **WHEREAS,** power ought to be concentrated in the hands of the many and not the few;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** the United States federal government is built upon a system of checks and
4 balances; and

5 **WHEREAS,** “the President's power to see that the laws are faithfully executed refutes the
6 idea that he is to be a lawmaker” as established in *Youngstown Sheet & Tube*
7 *Co. v. Sawyer* (1952); and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Act in question allows the President to invoke broad special powers
9 during a “national emergency”, a term not strictly defined; and

10 **WHEREAS,** subjective interpretation of what constitutes a “national emergency” enables
11 the President to advance a personal agenda through an emergency
12 declaration; and

13 **WHEREAS,** a joint resolution necessary to terminate a national emergency is subject to
14 presidential veto; and

15 **WHEREAS,** expanding the authority of the executive greatly disrupts the balance of
16 power and undermines Congressional oversight; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the National Emergencies Act of 1976
18 be repealed.

Introduced by Legislator Kanemaru.

B/R_____

**A Bill to Implement Price Ceilings
on the Pharmaceutical Industry**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **PREAMBLE.** WHEREAS the United States has the highest drug prices in the world;

3 WHEREAS twenty-six million Americans do not take their medication as

4 prescribed, leading to 125,000 deaths annually; WHEREAS one in four

5 Americans taking prescription drugs say it is difficult to afford their

6 medicines; WHEREAS prices for the world's top-selling medicines in the

7 United States are three times higher than in Britain; WHEREAS price

8 controls in Canada makes prices 40% lower than that of the United States;

9 WHEREAS European price controls dropped prices by up to 24%.

10 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall decrease the cost of 10

11 pharmaceutical drugs through the imposition of a price ceiling on the

12 pharmaceutical industry.

13 **SECTION 2.** Price ceilings are defined as a maximum price for which goods can be sold

14 A. Price ceilings will vary for each individual drug.

15 B. The price ceiling for each drug will be determined by the median price

16 of that same drug in Canada, Germany, France, the UK, and Japan.

17 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the

18 implementation of this bill.

19 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be put into effect on January 1, 2021.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Tom.

B/R_____

**A Bill to Allocate More Funding for Medicare
to Help People Who Are Qualified for Medicare**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will allocate 10% of the annual
3 budget cuts into Medicare to ensure that people who qualify for Medicare
4 get the best insurance possible.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medicare: A national program that subsidizes health care for senior citizens
6 65 years of age or older, younger people with disabilities and people with
7 End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or
8 transplant). Medicare has two parts, Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B
9 (Medicare Insurance).

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and The Department of
11 Treasury will see the enforcement of his bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1st, 2021.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Faumuina.

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The National Service Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States citizens will be required to fulfill two years of national
3 service between the ages of 18-25, unless they are incapable of doing so, as
4 determined by the Sector of Service.

5 **SECTION 2.** 1. The term national service means either military service, or civilian service
6 in a local government program or community-based agency that is engaged
7 in meeting human, environmental, or public safety needs.

8 2. “incapable” means those diagnosed with physical or mental disabilities
9 or significant hardship or dependency within the individual’s family.

10 3. The “Sector of Service” includes the Department of Defense, the
11 Department of Labor, and the Corporation for National and Community
12 Service.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Sector of Service will be responsible for the enforcement of the
14 implementation of this legislation. State courts may be utilized to determine
15 whether an individual meets the definition of “incapable.”

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect beginning with all those born after January 1,
17 2006 when they are in the designated age range.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Visperas.

Protecting the Right to Choose Act

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Reproductive rights will be recognized as a human right.

SECTION 2.

A. Roe v. Wade (410 U.S. 113 (1973)), upholds the constitutional right to privacy in health care and the right to access abortion services.

1. The State of Alabama, the State of Georgia, and other States whose laws seek to overturn Roe v. Wade are unconstitutional.

B. Reproductive rights will be defined as woman and girls having access to prenatal/postnatal health care via public health insurance programs including Medicare and Medicaid.

1. Ensure all women and girls have access to comprehensive, unbiased information to make their own reproductive decisions.

2. Ensure women and girls have access to affordable, comprehensive health care to proceed with prenatal care, postnatal care, miscarriage management, labor and delivery services, and abortion services.

C. Human rights will be defined as moral principles that justifiably belong towards every person and are protected by natural and legal rights.

SECTION 3.

A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation and enactment of this bill.

B. Prohibiting restrictions on abortion care.

1. Federal restrictions. - There shall be no Federal prohibitions, restrictions, or otherwise inhibit health care coverage on abortion care.

2. State and local restrictions. - State and local governments shall not enact any prohibitions, restrictions, or otherwise inhibit health care coverage on abortion care.

SECTION 4. This bill will be taken into effect immediately.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Legislator Liu.

Reserve Docket

JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Declaring that a state of war exists between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the
2 Government and the people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the
3 same.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Islamic Republic of Iran poses a nuclear threat to the United States and
5 to the world; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Islamic Republic of Iran has a shown a willingness to commit acts of
7 violence against citizens of the United States and members of the United
8 States Armed Forces. Now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America
10 in Congress assembled, that a state of war between the United States and
11 the Islamic Republic of Iran is hereby formally declared, and the President
12 is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire armed forces of the
13 United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against
14 the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to bring the conflict to a successful
15 termination. All of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the
16 Congress of the United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association

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The Firearm Registration Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All firearms owned in the United States must have a registered owner.

3 **SECTION 2.** A registered owner may be a private individual or, if an organization, a
4 Federal Firearms License (FFL) holder.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall keep a record of all
6 registered firearm owners that includes the name, Social Security number
7 (if applicable), FFL information (if applicable), and results of a completed
8 background check for each owner.

9 **SECTION 4.** No firearm may be purchased or have its ownership transferred in any way
10 without updating its registration information through the FBI.

11 **SECTION 5.** Individuals or FFL holders owning firearms before the passage of this Act
12 must register their firearms with the FBI within one year of this Act's
13 effective date.

14 **SECTION 6.** The United States Armed Forces and legally recognized branches of law
15 enforcement may continue to own and operate firearms without regard to
16 this legislation.

17 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

18 **SECTION 8.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.

19 **SECTION 9.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.

B/R_____

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution
to Establish Publicly Funded Elections**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED.** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
3 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
4 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
5 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
6 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **SECTION 1.** No candidate for any federal elected office may accept campaign
8 contributions from any private individual, organization, or entity.

9 **SECTION 2.** All candidates for federal elected office will receive campaign funding
10 through the Public Campaign Commission, which shall exist under the
11 oversight of the Federal Election Commission.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Public Campaign Commission shall have the authority and duty to
13 ensure that all candidates for federal elected office are treated equally.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
15 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.