

## A Bill to Recognize Hawai'i as a Sovereign Nation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The State of Hawai'i is hereby recognized as a sovereign nation and withdrawn from the United States  
3 of America. The United States will be allowed to use its military installations in Hawai'i if, and only if, the  
4 United States provides defense for the island nation.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States and the sovereign nation of Hawai'i will have a relationship resembling the Compact of  
6 Free Associated States. The State of Hawai'i is defined to include the eight main Hawaiian Islands (Hawai'i,  
7 Maui, Lāna'i, Kāho'olawe, Moloka'i, O'ahu, Kāua'i, and Ni'ihau), the territorial waters, and the remaining  
8 islands of the Hawai'ian Island archipelago are considered sovereign territory of the nation of Hawai'i.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of State, and the United  
10 States Department of Defense will be tasked with the implementation of this bill. Funding for this piece  
11 of legislation will be determined by the Congressional Budget Office and implemented as needed by the  
12 Appropriations Committee.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into full effect by January 1, 2021.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation, namely United States Public Law 86-3, are hereby  
15 considered null and void following the enactment of this piece of legislation.

*Introduced by the Hawai'i District*

## A Bill to End the Tampon Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The luxury tax placed on feminine hygiene products will be repealed on federal and state levels to  
3 eliminate unnecessary costs and promote equality.

4 **SECTION 2.** Feminine hygiene products are defined as menstrual tampons and pads categorized by the FDA. A luxury  
5 tax is a tax placed on products or services that are deemed to be unnecessary or non-essential.

6 **SECTION 3.** Local, state, and federal governments will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific  
7 enforcement mechanism.

8 **A.** No state may add a luxury tax or heightened sales tax on feminine hygiene products.

9 **B.** States in noncompliance with this bill will be forced to pay twice the amount collected in feminine  
10 product tax to the federal government.

11 **C.** This fine will be collected every fiscal year for five years. If the violation has not been fixed within that  
12 five-year period, then the fine will triple the original amount until the violation is permanently fixed.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately but states will have one year from passage to implement before  
14 fines would be applicable.

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

*Introduced by the Idaho Gem of the Mountain District*

## A Resolution to Dispose of Spent Nuclear Fuel Under the Ocean Seabed

- 1       **WHEREAS,**     The United States has no sustainable long-term solution to storage of nuclear waste with the closure of  
2                             Yucca Mountain; and
- 3       **WHEREAS,**     Current methods of nuclear waste storage leave the United States susceptible to terrorist attacks; and
- 4       **WHEREAS,**     Sub-seabed disposal of spent nuclear fuel has been tested and deemed safe; and
- 5       **WHEREAS,**     A sustainable solution to store nuclear waste such as sub-seabed disposal removes a critical barrier to  
6                             support for and commercialization of nuclear energy; and
- 7       **WHEREAS,**     Nuclear energy is a clean energy source that is increasingly necessary in the face of accelerating climate  
8                             change; and
- 9       **WHEREAS,**     A sub-seabed disposal strategy would create thousands of jobs through innovation of spinoff technologies  
10                            such as autonomous underwater vehicles; now, therefore, be it
- 11       **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled that the United States Department of Energy should increase research  
12                            and development on sub-seabed disposal of nuclear waste.

*Introduced by the Colorado District*