

DPH SCC Resolution 2018-01 , adopted September 22, 2018

OPPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (CON-CON)

Whereas, The current Hawai‘i State Constitution includes strong protections for the environment, labor, privacy rights, civil liberties and public education as well as establishing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i works to protect the interests of working families by passing resolutions opposing “right-to-work” and our platform defends the right of all workers to collectively bargain; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes Hawai‘i’s unique beauty and the need to protect our precious resources and our endangered species that share our special home with us;

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly supports the rights of our keiki to have access to free and affordable public education throughout the state; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly supports the rights of women to control their reproductive choices and the right of individuals to marry the person of their choice, without regard to gender;

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is concerned that massive amounts of corporate money would likely be used to influence the potential election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, The State Constitution can, and often is, amended by the Legislature placing proposals onto the ballot for consideration by Hawai‘i voters, a process that allows for extended deliberation, debate and hearings; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes the cost of a Constitutional Convention could easily exceed \$55 million dollars which would be better spent on education, wages, and programs protecting the environment;

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i understands there is too much at risk that Democrats have fought to advance and protect since the last Constitutional Convention; now be it

Resolved, That the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly opposes the Constitutional Convention and will work with our allies in the community to ensure labor, the environment, civil liberties, education, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are protected; and be it further

Resolved, That the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i calls upon our members to oppose the Constitutional Convention question on any ballot; and be it

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, the Hawai‘i State Legislature and all Hawai‘i Democratic Party members.