

House Resolution 1478

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Supporting parity for breast pump collection and storage supplies; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, breastfeeding is the ideal method of providing nutrition to infants; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO),
4 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP),
5 and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recommend that infants be breast-fed exclusively
6 for the first six months of their lives; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the average amount of time taken for maternity leave is ten weeks, leaving
8 working mothers of infants with an additional 14 weeks where it is recommended they
9 continue providing breast milk to infants; and
- 10 WHEREAS, breast pumps are used to provide nutrition to infants who are unable to latch,
11 born prematurely, or with severe feeding problems, and by mothers who have difficulty
12 establishing or maintaining an adequate milk supply, mothers having temporary
13 breastfeeding problems, and mothers who are separated from their infants due to
14 hospitalization or work requirements; and
- 15 WHEREAS, breastfeeding mothers are increasingly reliant on breast pumps to provide
16 nutrition to their children as they resume the roles and responsibilities they had prior to
17 giving birth; and
- 18 WHEREAS, breast pumps and breast pump collection and storage supplies are basic
19 necessities for breastfeeding mothers; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the taxation of breast pumps and breast pump collection and storage supplies
21 places an inequitable financial burden on mothers of infants; and

22 WHEREAS, infant formula is generally exempt from the state sales and use tax, but breast
23 pumps and breast pump collection and storage supplies remain taxable in the vast majority
24 of states; and

25 WHEREAS, exempting breast pumps and breast pump collection and storage supplies will
26 reduce the tax burden on mothers while allowing them the freedom to choose which breast
27 pump products and supplies are best for them and their child.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body support parity for breast pump collection and storage supplies.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 public and the press.