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A RESOLUTION condemning the use of tax dollars to fund safe smoking kits and encouraging the United States Congress to prohibit the expenditure of tax dollars on safe

- 4 WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- 5 (SAMHSA) is a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and
- 6 intends to distribute safe smoking kits throughout the nation;
- WHEREAS, safe smoking kits are part of SAMHSA's Harm Reduction Grant
- 8 Program, and about thirty million dollars will be expended on the program;
- 9 WHEREAS, there is no standard for the safe smoking kits, and different
- 10 organizations have different items included in the kits;
- WHEREAS, some of the safe smoking kits include drug paraphernalia items such
- as rubber bands, mouthpieces, and screens;
- WHEREAS, drug paraphernalia is illegal under Title 21 of the United States Code,
- and in Kentucky pursuant to KRS 218A.500;
- NOW, THEREFORE,

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smoking kits.

- 16 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the
- 17 Commonwealth of Kentucky:
- → Section 1. The House of Representatives condemns the expenditure of federal
- and Kentucky tax dollars for safe smoking kits, supports policies designed to protect how
- 20 citizens' taxes are appropriated, and encourages prohibition of spending on these kits by
- 21 the United States Congress in its 2022 session.
- → Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Congressional Delegation.