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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO CONFER "OBSERVER  
STATUS" UPON TAIWAN IN ORDER TO PERMIT TAIWAN'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAMS  
AND ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization is the United  
2 Nations specialized agency for health and is comprised of most  
3 members of the United Nations and a few other nations; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's mission is "the  
6 attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of  
7 health" by combating disease and promoting general health around  
8 the world; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization is an international  
11 body through which different nations may engage in cooperative  
12 and coordinated efforts to respond to public health crises; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's mission and  
15 activities are especially important in contemporary times  
16 because more frequent and rapid international travel has the  
17 potential for quickly spreading epidemics and infectious  
18 diseases across borders; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the protection of the health and welfare of all  
21 peoples of the world depends greatly upon the World Health  
22 Organization; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Taiwan, although having a population of twenty-  
25 three million people, is not a member of the World Health  
26 Organization; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Taiwan has expressed a desire and willingness to  
29 participate in the World Health Organization's programs and  
30 activities; and  
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32 WHEREAS, before Taiwan lost its membership in the World  
33 Health Organization in 1972 because of termination of its



1 membership in the United Nations, Taiwan was a valuable  
2 contributing member of the World Health Organization; and  
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4 WHEREAS, if allowed to participate again, there is no doubt  
5 that Taiwan will serve as a productive member of the World  
6 Health Organization; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
10 that the World Health Organization is requested to confer  
11 "observer status" upon Taiwan in order to permit Taiwan's  
12 participation in the World Health Organization's programs and  
13 activities; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United  
17 Nations, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and  
18 Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in  
19 Honolulu.  
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