

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 53
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 53 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES TO ENTER INTO A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH
TAIWAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the President of the
United States to enter into a free trade agreement with Taiwan in
a manner that respects the interests of all countries in the East
Asian region.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the
Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Taiwan is the United States' ninth
largest trading partner, eleventh largest export market, and fifth
largest farm products market and in 2006, the trade flow between
the United States and Taiwan totaled \$61,200,000,000. Your
Committee further finds that a free trade agreement may provide
more opportunities for United States companies to invest in and
export to Taiwan and that consumers in the United States may also
benefit from products made in Taiwan.

Your Committee has amended this measure to correct a spelling
error.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 53, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



