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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO HOST MORE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawai`i is geographically positioned  
2 as the western gateway between the world's largest economy and  
3 the world's fastest growing economies; and  
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5           WHEREAS, that position presents new and exciting  
6 opportunities for expansion and diversity of Hawai`i's economy  
7 in both tourism and technology; and  
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9           WHEREAS, within the Asia-Pacific Basin in the year 2010,  
10 there were more than 30 industrial trade organizations,  
11 international trade co-operatives and environmental  
12 organizations that held their annual conferences in countries of  
13 the southeast Asian and the Pacific Basin; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Hawai`i State Convention Center will be the  
16 site of the 2011 Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)  
17 summit, bringing together President Barack Obama, a Hawai`i  
18 native, and 18 other heads of state, more than 500 delegates and  
19 a total of more than 10,000 participants; and  
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21           WHEREAS, international trade and cooperation summits would  
22 provide economic stimulus to Hawai`i through its visitor  
23 industry, as well as showcase Hawai`i's beautiful environment;  
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26           WHEREAS, Hawai`i has the air lift capacity, conference  
27 facilities necessary to easily accommodate an international  
28 conference of this size and magnitude; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai`i, Regular  
32 Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the United States



1 Congress and the Department of State are urged to host more  
2 international trade conferences and summits in Hawai'i; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Congressman John  
6 Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
7 Senator Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable  
8 Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States Secretary of State, and  
9 the members of Hawai'i's congressional delegation.

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