
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE 2010 UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2010, the United States of America
2 underwent the first-ever Universal Periodic Review of its human
3 rights record before the United Nations Human Rights Council in
4 Geneva; and

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6 WHEREAS, the review process provided an opportunity for the
7 United States to identify human rights violations, develop real
8 solutions, and bring policies in line with international human
9 rights standards; and

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11 WHEREAS, the review featured an unprecedented level of
12 consultation and engagement with civil society across the United
13 States--voluntary civic and social organizations and
14 institutions that form the basis of a functioning society; and

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16 WHEREAS, the two hundred twenty-eight recommendations from
17 the Universal Periodic Review provided insight into the major
18 human rights issues in the United States; and

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20 WHEREAS, a majority of the recommendations were taken
21 directly from civil society stakeholder reports and subsequent
22 study sheets that United Nations members used in the review
23 process; and

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25 WHEREAS, implementation of the recommendations from the
26 review would improve the status of human rights in Hawaii; now,
27 therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports



1 the implementation of the recommendations from the 2010
2 Universal Periodic Review of the United States of America by the
3 United Nations Human Rights Council, where applicable to the
4 State of Hawaii; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the
7 promotion of a culture of human rights based on the principles
8 established in the Charter of the United Nations; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the
11 participation of the State of Hawaii in the United States' next
12 Universal Periodic Review in 2014; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
16 Secretary of State, United States Secretary of Education, United
17 States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the members
18 of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the United Nations
19 Secretary-General, and the United Nations High Commissioner for
20 Human Rights.

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