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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO OBTAIN NEW INVESTORS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, through the Department of
2 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, has been a
3 registered member of the World Trade Centers Association since
4 1994; and

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6 WHEREAS, the mission of the World Trade Centers Association
7 is to foster a global World Trade Center network that promotes
8 prosperity through trade and investment; and

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10 WHEREAS, the specific purposes of the World Trade Centers
11 Association are to encourage the expansion of world trade,
12 promote international business relationships and understanding
13 among nations, foster the increased participation in world trade
14 by developing nations, and create and encourage mutual
15 assistance and cooperation among members; and

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17 WHEREAS, the World Trade Centers Association has
18 implemented a number of programs for its members over the years
19 aimed at achieving its mission and fulfilling its purposes,
20 including:

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22 (1) Organizing seminars and developing new services, often
23 on a global scale;
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25 (2) Serving as a clearinghouse for mutual assistance and
26 cooperative exchange; and
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28 (3) Forming strategic alliances with other private and
29 governmental organizations; and
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31 WHEREAS, the 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
32 Leaders' Meeting will take place in Honolulu on November 12 and
33 13, 2011, providing the State with a unique opportunity to
34 showcase Hawaii's rich cultural heritage and hospitality; and
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1 WHEREAS, the 2011 APEC Leaders' Meeting will also highlight
2 the vast potential that Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region holds
3 for American companies and workers, help shape the future of
4 Asia-Pacific's regional architecture, and promote APEC's core
5 mission of spurring mutually beneficial regional economic
6 integration; and
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8 WHEREAS, the 2011 APEC Leaders' Meeting provides the State
9 with an unprecedented opportunity to enhance the World Trade
10 Center, Honolulu, and attract new investors for further
11 development; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
15 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
16 Tourism is encouraged to issue a Request for Proposals to obtain
17 new investors for the development of the World Trade Center,
18 Honolulu; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the enhancement of the World
21 Trade Center, Honolulu, be developed in coordination with the
22 Honolulu Rail Transit twenty-mile elevated rail line; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
26 Development, and Tourism; Director of Transportation; Mayor of
27 the City and County of Honolulu; and Hawaii Tourism Authority.
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OFFERED BY:

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