
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAI'I TO INVITE ALL APEC COUNTRIES TO
ESTABLISH HONORARY CONSULS IN HAWAI'I AHEAD OF THE 2011 APEC
SUMMIT.

1 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is
2 a forum of twenty-one Pacific Rim countries established in 1989
3 to promote free trade and economic co-operation throughout the
4 Asia-Pacific region; and

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6 WHEREAS, from November 12-13, APEC will convene its 23rd
7 annual summit in Honolulu, Hawai'i; and

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9 WHEREAS, there will be heads of state and officials from
10 the twenty-one member countries but, Hawai'i has just 4 honorary
11 consuls from those member countries; and

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13 WHEREAS, the role of the honorary consul is to undertake
14 and safeguard the interests of the sending country as well as to
15 further the development of commercial, economic, cultural and
16 scientific relations between the sending state and the host
17 state; and

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19 WHEREAS, the honorary consul would help expedite the
20 processing of visas and provide communications between diplomats
21 and Washington D.C.; and

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23 WHEREAS, the APEC conference can potentially result in the
24 establishment of economic trade relations between the state of
25 Hawai'i and member countries; and

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27 WHEREAS, having honorary consuls can be instrumental in the
28 retaining of and fostering the growth of such relations; now,
29 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the State
 4 of Hawai'i is urged to request to all APEC-member countries to
 5 establish honorary consuls in Hawai'i before the 2011 APEC
 6 summit; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the
 10 Governor, Department of Business Economic Development and
 11 Tourism, and the U.S. Department of State.

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