
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAI'I TO INVITE ALL ASIA-PACIFIC
ECONOMIC COOPERATION COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH HONORARY
CONSULS IN HAWAI'I BEFORE THE 2011 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC
COOPERATION SUMMIT.

1 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is
2 a forum of 21 Pacific Rim countries established in 1989 to
3 promote free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-
4 Pacific region; and

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6 WHEREAS, from November 12-13, 2011, Asia-Pacific Economic
7 Cooperation Summit will convene its 23rd annual summit in
8 Honolulu, Hawai'i; and

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10 WHEREAS, there will be heads of state and officials from
11 the 21 member countries, but Hawai'i has just four honorary
12 consuls from those member countries; and

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

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

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24 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit can
25 potentially result in the establishment of economic trade
26 relations between the State of Hawai'i and member countries; and

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



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the State
4 of Hawai'i, with the assistance of the Consular Corps of Hawai'i,
5 is urged to request all Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation-member
6 countries to establish honorary consuls in Hawai'i before the
7 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
11 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Consular Corps
12 of Hawai'i, and the United States Secretary of State.

