
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO HOST MORE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN HAWAI'I.

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 in
7 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 southeast Asia 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 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit,
17 bringing together President Barack Obama, a Hawai'i native, and
18 18 other heads of state, more than 500 delegates, and a total of
19 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 and conference
27 facilities necessary to easily accommodate an international
28 conference of this size and magnitude; and



1 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
2 and Tourism has the ability to assist with promoting the State
3 of Hawai'i as a safe and secure location to host international
4 meetings, conferences, and seminars; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
8 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress
9 and the Department of State are urged to host more international
10 trade conferences and summits in Hawai'i; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
13 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a
14 status report to the Legislature detailing accomplishments,
15 challenges, and entities contacted in the promotion of the State
16 of Hawai'i as a safe and secure location to host international
17 meetings, conferences, and seminars no later than 20 days prior
18 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the
22 United States House of Representatives, Senate Majority Leader,
23 United States Secretary of State, Director of Business, Economic
24 Development, and Tourism, and members of Hawai'i's congressional
25 delegation.

