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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GLOBAL CHANGE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSE TO THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE THAT THE UNITED STATES HOST THE 2015 UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Climate Change Conference is
2 hosted annually on a rotating basis among the five regional
3 groups of the United Nations; and
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5 WHEREAS, the African Group hosted the conference in Durban,
6 South Africa, in 2011; the Asian Group is scheduled to host the
7 conference in 2012; the Eastern European Group is scheduled to
8 host the conference in 2013; and the Latin America and Caribbean
9 Group is scheduled to host the conference in 2014; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Western European and Other States Group, which
12 includes the United States, is scheduled to host the conference
13 in 2015; and
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15 WHEREAS, all climate change conferences to date have been
16 attended by seventy to one hundred ministers and senior
17 officials as well as their staff members; and
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19 WHEREAS, Honolulu, Hawaii, has proven that it is fully
20 capable of handling a conference of this scope and scale, as
21 demonstrated by successfully hosting the Asia-Pacific Economic
22 Cooperation Summit in November 2011; and
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24 WHEREAS, hosting the United Nations Climate Change
25 Conference would further enhance and reinforce Hawaii's image as
26 a place to do business; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii would be a convenient central meeting place
2 for delegates from Asia, the Pacific Basin, and the Americas;
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5 WHEREAS, the governments of prospective host nations must
6 submit expressions of interest or invitations to host a
7 conference to the Conference of Parties for the United Nations
8 Framework Convention on Climate Change; and
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10 WHEREAS, such an expression of interest or invitation to
11 host the United Nations Climate Change Conference must come from
12 the United States Department of State; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's Congressional
17 delegation is urged to request that the Director of the Office
18 of Global Change of the United States Department of State
19 propose to the Conference of Parties for the United Nations
20 Framework Convention on Climate Change that the United States
21 host the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in
22 Honolulu, Hawaii; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to each member of Hawaii's
26 Congressional delegation; the Governor; Director of Business,
27 Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of the Hawaii
28 Tourism Authority; and Director of the Office of Planning.
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