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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 32

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.R. No. 32 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO GRANT TAIWAN
PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK
CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
MEETINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United
Nations to grant Taiwan participation as an observer in the United
Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the
Parties meetings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Ocean and Earth
Science and Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa Department
of Meteorology, and Hawaii State Climate Office at the University
of Hawaii at Manoa.

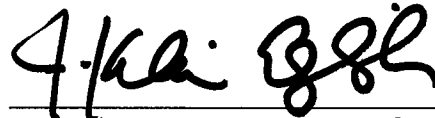
Your Committee finds that the United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties is a key
instrument to combat global warming, which acknowledges that the
global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible
cooperation of nations. Taiwan is a developed and highly
industrialized country. Taiwan is eager and prepared to join the
international community in order to enhance its own energy
efficiency and concomitantly that of the world.



Although the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, is classified as an industrialized nation, that country has yet to be permitted to participate in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. As the world's largest LED manufacturer and the second largest solar cell manufacturer, Taiwan's green energy industry is helping to significantly reduce global carbon emissions and enhance energy efficiency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 32 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



