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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS**
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in consideration of
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**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.**

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on

Transportation and International Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of this resolution.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference is a meeting of the 195

international parties and their contingencies to the United Nations Framework

Convention on Climate Change. The parties to the framework are the supreme decision

making body that review and promote the implementation of the convention and any

other legal instruments that the parties adopt, including institutional and administrative

arrangements.

Holding this conference in Honolulu will not only reinforce the ability to host international conferences in a central meeting place and other supporting points noted in the resolution, but will also allow Hawaii's leaders, reseachers, scientists, businesses, and communities to be involved in this international meeting on a topic that is truly global in nature.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.