
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAI'I AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a
2 cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting
3 peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; and
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5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the United States' most important
6 economic and security partners in Asia; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawai'i established a sister-state relationship
9 with Taiwan in 1993, but an economic relationship was already
10 established before then; and
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12 WHEREAS, over the years, there have been few overseas
13 locations with more cultural and economic activity than Taiwan,
14 including business missions, educational and special promotional
15 fairs, cultural exchanges, investor seminars, media productions,
16 and gubernatorial visits; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 1994, the Department of Business, Economic
19 Development, and Tourism opened the State of Hawai'i Office in
20 Taipei to take advantage of the rapidly increasing investor
21 interest in Hawai'i, symbolized by the purchase of several well-
22 known resort hotels; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Governor is urged to support a free trade
25 agreement between the United States and Taiwan and further
26 support Taiwan's participation in regional economic integration
27 such as Trans Pacific Partnerships; and
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1 WHEREAS, following the recent addition of Taiwan to the
2 United States Visa Waiver Program, Hawaiian Airlines and China
3 Airlines will soon provide direct flights between Honolulu and
4 Taipei, and the Department of Business, Economic Development,
5 and Tourism should seize the golden opportunity to launch
6 effective promotion campaigns in order to attract more tourists
7 from Taiwan; and
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9 WHEREAS, Taiwan's energy policy is similar to Hawai'i's
10 energy policy in that both seek to increase energy efficiency
11 and promote greater use of renewable sources to reduce
12 dependence on imported fossil fuels; therefore, the Department
13 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism should
14 collaborate on research and development of clean energy
15 technologies and cooperate on the development of sustainable
16 industries and green projects; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have rich and diverse cultural
19 backgrounds, since Taiwan's indigenous people and the native
20 Hawaiians are part of the Austronesian culture ring; therefore,
21 the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is
22 requested to welcome Taiwan's participation in international
23 cultural events held in Hawai'i, such as the "2013 Honolulu
24 Festival" and the "2013 Asia Pacific Dance Festival"; and
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26 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have their own distinct features
27 when it comes to education and both countries have much to
28 mutually learn from one another; therefore, the Board of Regents
29 of the University of Hawai'i and the Board of Education are urged
30 to strengthen an educational relationship with Taiwan by
31 encouraging more exchange students to travel between the two
32 countries and to advocate for more academic cooperation
33 opportunities; and
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35 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Congressional delegation is urged to
36 support Taiwan's participation in international bodies, such as
37 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), The United
38 National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and
39 the World Health Organization (WHO) and is requested to continue
40 to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the
41 international arena for the common good of all peoples of the
42 world; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor;
4 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board
5 of Regents of the University of Hawai'i; Board of Education; and
6 Hawai'i's Congressional delegation are urged to strengthen the
7 sister-state relationship with Taiwan in commemoration of the
8 twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between
9 Hawai'i and Taiwan; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
13 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board of Regents
14 of the University of Hawai'i; Board of Education; and each member
15 of Hawai'i's Congressional delegation.

