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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a leader in human rights in the United  
2 States recognizing the inherent dignity of its citizens and  
3 enacting laws that live up to our history as a model state; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii understand that it is  
6 important to be aware of developments in world affairs as they  
7 relate to our citizens; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the  
10 text of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons  
11 with Disabilities on December 13, 2008, and following  
12 ratification by the twentieth party, it came into force on  
13 May 3, 2008; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with  
16 Disabilities is an international human rights instrument of the  
17 United Nations intended to protect the rights and dignity of  
18 persons with disabilities; and  
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20 WHEREAS, parties to the Convention are required to promote,  
21 protect, and ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by  
22 persons with disabilities and ensure that they enjoy full  
23 equality under the law; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Convention has served as the major catalyst in  
26 the global movement from viewing persons with disabilities as  
27 objects of charity, medical treatment, and social protection  
28 toward viewing them as full and equal members of society, with  
29 human rights; and  
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31 WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Convention in 2009, but  
32 it fell short of a two-thirds majority of the United States  
33 Senate needed for ratification; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the State recognizes it is important to continue  
2 efforts alongside fellow nations toward the full realization of  
3 human rights for all; now, therefore,  
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5           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,  
7 that the State is urged to adopt the United Nations Convention  
8 on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and  
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10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the United  
11 States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the  
12 Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and  
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14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to United Nations Secretary General,  
16 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, President of  
17 the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States  
18 Senate, United States Secretary of State, and members of  
19 Hawaii's Congressional delegation.  
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