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## SENATE 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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29 WHEREAS, following the recent addition of Taiwan to the  
30 United States Visa Waiver Program, Hawaiian Airlines and China



1 Airlines will soon provide direct flights between Honolulu and  
2 Taipei, and the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
3 and Tourism should seize the golden opportunity to launch  
4 effective promotion campaigns in order to attract more tourists  
5 from Taiwan; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Taiwan's energy policy is similar to Hawai'i's  
8 energy policy in that both seek to increase energy efficiency  
9 and promote greater use of renewable sources to reduce  
10 dependence on imported fossil fuels; therefore, the Department  
11 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism should  
12 collaborate on research and development of clean energy  
13 technologies and cooperate on the development of sustainable  
14 industries and green projects; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have rich and diverse cultural  
17 backgrounds, since Taiwan's indigenous people and the native  
18 Hawaiians are part of the Austronesian culture ring; therefore,  
19 the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is  
20 requested to welcome Taiwan's participation in international  
21 cultural events held in Hawai'i, such as the "2013 Honolulu  
22 Festival" and the "2013 Asia Pacific Dance Festival"; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have their own distinct features  
25 when it comes to education and both countries have much to  
26 mutually learn from one another; therefore, the Board of Regents  
27 of the University of Hawai'i and the Board of Education are urged  
28 to strengthen an educational relationship with Taiwan by  
29 encouraging more exchange students to travel between the two  
30 countries and to advocate for more academic cooperation  
31 opportunities; and  
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33 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Congressional delegation is urged to  
34 support Taiwan's participation in international bodies, such as  
35 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), The United  
36 National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and  
37 the World Health Organization (WHO) and is requested to continue  
38 to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the  
39 international arena for the common good of all peoples of the  
40 world; now, therefore,  
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42 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
43 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,



1 that the Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development,  
2 and Tourism; Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i; Board  
3 of Education; and Hawai'i's Congressional delegation are urged to  
4 strengthen the sister-state relationship with Taiwan in  
5 commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state  
6 relationship between Hawai'i and Taiwan; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business,  
10 Economic Development, and Tourism; Board of Regents of the  
11 University of Hawai'i; Board of Education; and each member of  
12 Hawai'i's Congressional delegation.

