

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

875

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 2013

RE: S.R. No. 31

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.R. No. 31 entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; Taipei Economic and Cultural
Office; and Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Taiwan and the United States have
long enjoyed a cordial friendship based on shared common interests
in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific



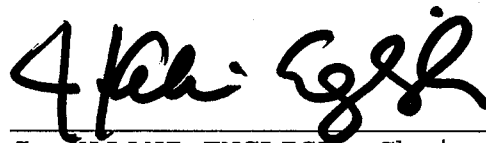
region. Taiwan is one of the United States' most important economic and security partners in Asia.

Hawai'i officially established a sister-state relationship with Taiwan in 1993, but an economic relationship was already established before then. Over the years, there have been few overseas locations with more cultural and economic activity than Taiwan, including business missions, educational and special promotional fairs, cultural exchanges, investor seminars, media productions, and gubernatorial visits. Furthermore, Hawai'i and Taiwan have rich and diverse cultural backgrounds, since Taiwan's indigenous people and the native Hawaiians are part of the Austronesian culture ring.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 31, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 31, S.D. 1.

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



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
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SR 31	TIA	3-13-13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will				/
GABBARD, Mike				/
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
SOLOMON, Malama	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	6			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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