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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING AND ADOPTING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
AS A FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING AND ASSESSING HAWAII'S
COMMITMENT TO CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

1 WHEREAS, human rights and fundamental freedoms are core
2 values of the United States of America and the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, the United States of America completed its second
5 Universal Periodic Review at the United Nations Human Rights
6 Council at the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, in May
7 2015; and
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9 WHEREAS, many civil society associations and non-
10 governmental organizations in Hawaii participated in the
11 preparation of stakeholder reports and hosted community
12 dialogues for the Universal Periodic Review; and
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14 WHEREAS, the United States of America received three
15 hundred forty-three recommendations, a record number of
16 recommendations for implementations to realize human rights; and
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18 WHEREAS, many of the human rights recommendations refer to
19 actions at the local and state level; and
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21 WHEREAS, local and state officials across the United States
22 of America have begun to take the lead to utilize the Universal
23 Periodic Review as a positive tool to transform their
24 communities, such as the Universal Periodic Review consultation
25 in Birmingham, Alabama, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary
26 of Selma with a focus on the future of fundamental freedoms
27 rooted in human rights; and
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29 WHEREAS, the State should review and examine whether and
30 how it is positioned and prepared to implement the Universal



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1 Periodic Review human rights recommendations annually before the
2 next Universal Periodic Review is held; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that this body endorses and
7 adopts the Universal Periodic Review recommendations of the
8 United Nations Human Rights Council as a framework for
9 addressing and assessing Hawaii's commitment to civil and human
10 rights; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are urged to
13 endorse and use the Universal Periodic Review recommendations of
14 the United Nations Human Rights Council as measurements for each
15 county's efforts regarding the county's commitment to its
16 citizens; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United Nations
20 Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the United Nations
21 Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations High
22 Commissioner for Human Rights, President of the United States of
23 America, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of
24 the United States House of Representatives, Governor, Attorney
25 General, Superintendent of Education, Director of Health,
26 Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety, President
27 of the University of Hawaii, Chairperson of the Board of Regents
28 of the University of Hawaii, and Mayor and Council Chairperson
29 of the respective counties.

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