

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office(TECO) in Honolulu fully supports this resolution, and seek yours too!**

**Taiwan and Hawaii share common values**

Taiwan shares the universal values of freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights and the rule of law with the United States. With Hawaii in the center of the Pacific and Taiwan in the west coast of the Pacific, the relations between Hawaiian and Taiwanese are deep-rooted. Taiwan is believed to be the ancestral homeland of modern-day Polynesian people and languages. Indigenous people in Hawaii and Taiwan share the same origin and heritage with their brothers and sisters of the Austronesian languages and cultures.

Based on our shared values and common interests, the Hawaii State House of Representatives passed resolution in support of Taiwan's international participation and strengthening the US-Taiwan relationship for multiple times.

**Great Potential for Cooperation in various areas between Hawaii and Taiwan**

Taiwan, as island country 2.2 times larger than Hawaii, has transformed itself from a recipient of the US aid in the 1950s and early 1960s to an aid donor and major foreign investor. The economy shifted from an agriculture-based economy to an industry-oriented economy.

Taiwan and Hawaii have loosened respective quarantine regulation as the COVID-19 pandemic shows a sign of easing, there will be tremendous potentials for Taiwanese visiting Hawaii, which would further help revitalize the tourism in Hawaii.

Beside the tremendous trading volume between Hawaii and Taiwan, Hawaii is also one of the leading states for agriculture products in Taiwan, with award winning KONA coffee beans as the latest hot sale among all.

**The establishment of a Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship Taskforce will for sure path the way for two sides to further strengthen, improve, and expand economic, cultural, and educational relations.**

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