
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING LOCAL COMPANIES AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION EVENTS IN
SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO.

1 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a
2 regional economic forum established in 1989 that aims to create
3 greater prosperity for the people of the region by promoting
4 balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and secure growth
5 and by accelerating regional economic integration; and
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7 WHEREAS, APEC is the only international intergovernmental
8 grouping in the world committed to reducing barriers to trade
9 and investment without requiring its members to enter into
10 legally binding obligations, but endeavors to achieve its goals
11 by promoting dialogue and arriving at decisions on a consensus
12 basis, giving equal weight to the views of all members; and
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14 WHEREAS, APEC's twenty-one member economies, comprised of
15 Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic
16 of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea;
17 Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The
18 Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei;
19 Thailand; United States of America; and Vietnam, represent over
20 forty percent of the world's population and over fifty percent
21 of the world's trade; and
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23 WHEREAS, Seattle, Washington is the headquarters for the
24 National Center for APEC, which includes the top fifty American
25 Blue Chip corporations; and
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27 WHEREAS, in August 2023, the National Center for APEC in
28 Seattle will host the APEC Ministerial and United States Senior
29 Official Meetings to showcase the United States' economic
30 leadership in the Asia-Pacific region, with the theme of having
31 cultural and language diversity and highlighting indigenous



1 Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific
2 Islanders throughout the communities of the Asia-Pacific region;
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5 WHEREAS, from November 12, 2023 to November 14, 2023, APEC
6 Summit meetings will be held in San Francisco, California; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii is actively seeking to expand its
9 international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
10 friendship, goodwill, and economic and educational relations
11 between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asia-Pacific
12 regional economies; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State would be able to expand these ties and
15 further develop connections in the Asia-Pacific region by
16 participating in the 2023 APEC Events; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that local companies and
21 industry partners are encouraged to participate in the 2023
22 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation events in Seattle and San
23 Francisco; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if sufficient interest is
26 generated for participation in the 2023 APEC Events, the
27 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is
28 requested to initiate plans to participate; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
32 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

