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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HAWAII-TAIWAN FRIENDSHIP
TASKFORCE TO EXPLORE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN, IMPROVE, AND
EXPAND ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN HAWAII AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States the universal
2 values of freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights and
3 the rule of law; and

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5 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Hawaii have an established sister-state
6 relationship since 1993, and sister-city or sister-county
7 relationships have been established between Honolulu and
8 Kaohsiung City, Maui County and Pingtung County, Hawaii County
9 and Hualien County, and Kauai County and Penghu County; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and the
12 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have worked
13 together to promote cooperation and exchanges in tourism,
14 agriculture, culture, education, and trade; and

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16 WHEREAS, Taiwan's export and import volume reached
17 \$500,000,000,000 and \$300,000,000,000, respectively, in 2022,
18 and the International Monetary Fund ranks Taiwan as the twenty-
19 second largest economy in the world; and

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21 WHEREAS, before the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic,
22 Taiwanese citizens made over seventeen million trips abroad; and

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24 WHEREAS, with loosening travel restrictions, there is
25 tremendous potential for Taiwanese visitors to Hawaii to further
26 help revitalize Hawaii's tourism sector; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 2021, Taiwan was Hawaii's tenth-largest trade
2 partner, with exports to Hawaii totaling \$54,000,000, and
3 imports from Hawaii totaling \$13,000,000; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
8 Governor is requested to establish a Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship
9 Taskforce; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship
12 Taskforce is requested to explore ways to strengthen, improve,
13 and expand economic, cultural, and educational relations between
14 Hawaii and Taiwan; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship
17 Taskforce is requested to comprise nine members as follows:
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19 (1) Three members appointed by the Governor;
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21 (2) Three members appointed by the President of the
22 Senate; and
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24 (3) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the
28 Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship Taskforce are requested to elect a
29 chair and vice chair from among the members; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship
32 Taskforce is requested to submit a report of its findings and
33 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
34 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
35 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship
38 Taskforce shall cease to exist on June 30, 2025; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and



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1 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
2 Honolulu.

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