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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC
ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAWAII DELEGATION TEAM 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
32 Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific
33 Islanders throughout the communities of the Asia-Pacific region;
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2 WHEREAS, from November 12, 2023 to November 14, 2023, APEC
3 Summit meetings will be held in San Francisco, California; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii is actively seeking to expand its
6 international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
7 friendship, goodwill, and economic and educational relations
8 between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asia-Pacific
9 regional economies; and
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11 WHEREAS, the State would be able to expand these ties and
12 further develop connections in the Asia-Pacific region by
13 participating in the 2023 APEC Events; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
17 that the Governor is requested to establish a 2023 APEC Hawaii
18 delegation team to participate in the 2023 APEC Events; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 APEC Hawaii delegation
21 team is requested to:
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- 23 (1) Help to pass the torch during the Opening Ceremony of
24 the November 2023 APEC Summit;
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26 (2) Serve as the Welcome Committee with the "Aloha Spirit"
27 and open an Expo Pavilion to showcase the Hawaiian
28 "Aloha" goods and services and participate in the 2023
29 APEC trade-shows during the APEC events in Seattle and
30 San Francisco; and
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32 (3) Use APEC Hawaii's strategic business plans to have
33 trade show engagements during the 2023 APEC events in
34 Seattle and San Francisco; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the East West Center of Hawaii is
37 requested to coordinate with Native Hawaiians and South Pacific
38 Islanders to participate during the APEC Ministerial and United
39 States Senior Official meetings in Seattle in August, 2023; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
42 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to coordinate



1 with the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii;
2 and neighbor island chambers of commerce to recommend trade show
3 participants from Hawaii to be included in the APEC Hawaii
4 delegation team; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
7 is requested to work closely with ethnic chambers of commerce,
8 including but not limited to chambers of commerce from Japan,
9 the Philippines, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea,
10 Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, and Thailand, to ensure
11 that ethnic chambers of commerce in Hawaii receive equal
12 representation and may voice concerns; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;
16 Governor; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
17 Tourism; Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism
18 Authority; President of the East-West Center at the University
19 of Hawaii; and Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

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