STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1538

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 4 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 72

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 72 entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the establishment of a Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship Task Force to explore ways to strengthen, improve, and expand economic, cultural, and educational relations between Hawaii and Taiwan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.

Your Committee finds that Taiwan and Hawaii have had an established sister-state relationship since 1993, including relationships between Honolulu and Kaohsiung City; Maui County and Pingtung County; Hawaii County and Hualien County; and Kauai County and Penghu County. In 2021, Taiwan was Hawaii's tenthlargest trade partner, with exports to the State totaling \$54 million and imports from the State totaling \$13 million. Your Committee further finds that before the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, Taiwanese citizens made over seventeen million trips abroad, and loosened travel restrictions provide potential for

Taiwanese visitors to Hawaii to further help revitalize the State's tourism sector.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 72 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

CHRIS LEE, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts TCA

Bill / Resolution No.:*  SCE 72	Committee Referral:		I .	Date: 3/28/23	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:  Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)		7,			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)		V/			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		<b>V</b>			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett		V			
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