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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of  
**SCR 178 / SR 122**  
**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION HAWAII' I DELEGATION TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023  
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC CORPORATION EVENTS IN SEATTLE AND SAN  
FRANCISCO.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers **comments** on SCR 178 / SR 122, which requests the Governor to establish a 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Hawaii'i delegation team to participate in the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation events in Seattle and San Francisco.

This resolution requests DBEDT to coordinate with the Hawaii'i Tourism Authority, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii'i, and neighbor island chambers of commerce to recommend trade show participants from Hawaii'i to be included in the APEC Hawaii'i delegation team.

DBEDT's role would be to conduct outreach to businesses to assess and determine their interest in participating in the trade show as part of the APEC Hawaii'i delegation. The Department would like to note that without funding or revenue generating opportunities for businesses, it may be challenging to organize a trade show and garner participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SCR-178**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Russell Honma	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

TO: Hawaii Senate on Transportation Chair Committee Senator Chris Lee:

DATE: March 27, 2028

SUBJECT : Hawaii Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 178 (SCR 178) on Establishing a APEC Hawaii Delegation Team for the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers & CEO's Seattle, Washington & San Francisco, California Summit this August & November 2023.

Dear Senator's of Hawsii Senate Transportation Committee:

Aloha !

As you know my name is Russell Honma, Executive Director of APEC Hawaii and Author of the APEC Master Plan and its 'Strategic Business Plans'. As you know you both the Senate President & Speaker of House and past Governor has nominated me for my efforts as a 'Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Award nominee for bring Peace, Security, Economics Prosperity & Unity to the Indo Pacific Region.

I am here to testify today to support the SCR No. 178, asking the Hawaii Governor to establish a APEC Hawaii Delegation Team for the up coming APEC Conference and Summit in Seattle, Washington and San Francisco, California. As you know the East West Center of Hawaii is planning on participating in the 2023 APEC Ministers & Senior Office Meetings in Seattle, Washington this August 2023. The venue and its programs for the Seattle, Washington is 'Women & Economic Forum' addressing the Indigenous People of Native American Indians, Native Hawaiians, Eskimo's, Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans contributing members of Society of United States of America.

Please read below 'Letter of Proposal' sent to Governor Josh Green regarding SCR 178 to establish a APEC Hawaii Delegation Team and participate in the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers & CEO's Seattle, Washington & San Francisco, California Summit this August & November 2023.

If you have any questions Please contact me at:Russell Honma@yahoo.com or call at(808) 265-5261.

# Testimony for Measure GM-530

TO: Honorable Governor Josh Green, State of Hawaii:

THRU: Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke, State of Hawaii:

ATTN: Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi, State Capital:

ATTN: Speaker Scott Saiki, State Capital:

Subject: Establishing a APEC Hawaii Delegation Team for the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers & CEO's Seattle, Washington & San Francisco, California Summit:

Aloha !

I am writing to you today regarding the State of Hawaii establishing a 2023 APEC Hawaii Delegation Team to 'Pass the Torch' to Seattle and San Francisco during the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers & CEO's Seattle & San Francisco, California Summit this coming August and November 2023. At that time we would like to participate with the APEC Trade Shows during the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers & CEO's Summit.

"Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All" had been selected as the theme of the 2023 APEC Leaders, Minister & CEO's Summit. This way the State of Hawaii can 'Show Case', Hawaii Products and Services during the APEC Trade Shows and possibly make connections for business opportunities for Import/Export Services.

First and foremost, Hawaii Businesses and Leaders can provide input and allow them to compete globally in Indo-Pacific Region and its business markets.

Whereas, further U.S. and Hawaii businesses will have opportunities to engage directly with Government & Business Representatives from APEC Economies and have discussions on issues on Trade & Commercences, Investments, Digital Economy, Sustainability on Climate Change & Inclusive Growth and other major global issues relating to APEC Economies.

The 2023 APEC Ministers Meetings will be held in Seattle, Washington this coming August 2023 and the major theme will be 'Women's Empowerment & Economic Forum'. As you know in 1993 under the Chairmanship of President Bill Clinton, Seattle, Washington hosted the first APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting on Blake Island in Puget Sound and this year being the 30th Anniversary for 2023 APEC 'Host Year in Seattle, Washington'. Therefore, Seattle shall be creating a resilient and sustainable future and shall play a major role for building-the-bridge for interconnecting, innovation and having sustainability inclusion for the Indo Pacific Region.

First and foremost, Seattle is the headquarters to The National Center for APEC, which includes the top 50 American Blue Chip Corporations to promote, dedicate and make advancements to the private sector businesses and its international business operations and trade practices with the APEC Members. This includes having priorities in accordance to the International norm and having moral compass and ethnical values for 'rule making' in accordance to the International Law and World Trade Organization (WTO), Trade Practices.

This year Seattle shall showcase the U.S. Economic Leadership in the Asia Pacific Region, with the 'Theme' with having cultural & language diversity, such as being an 'indigenous' American Native Indians, Native Hawaiians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders throughout the communities of Asia Pacific Region. At this we recommend that East West Center of Hawaii coordinate with the Native Hawaiians and South Pacific Islanders and participate to show case Hawaii during the APEC Ministerial & U.S. Senior Official Meetings in August 2023.

The 2023 APEC Leaders & CEO's Summit meetings will be in San Francisco, California on November 12-14, 2023. Whereas, California shall be showcasing the beauty of California and its economic business opportunities for Indo-Asia Pacific Region and promote Joint Venture Partnership Projects from Hi Technology, Clean Energy, Sports, Music & Entertainment Industries.

Therefore, the State of Hawaii and APEC Hawaii would like to be part of the 2023 APEC Summit in United States and be the Welcome Committee with the 'Aloha Sprit' and open an Expo Pavilion and Show Case the Hawaiian 'Aloha' Goods & Services and have a Trade Show engagements during the APEC Summit.

#### Closing Remarks:

First, the State of Hawaii and Hawaii State Legislature shall prepare and draft a 'Resolution' and send a message to The National Center for APEC in Seattle and APEC Businesses Advisory Council and its Working Group that State of Hawaii shall establish a 2023 APEC Hawaii Delegation Team to 'pass' the torch to during the Opening Ceremony of the 2023 APEC Leaders Summit in November 2023. We would also like to have President Barack Obama pass-the-torch to President Joe Biden, since President Barack Obama was the U.S. President & Chairperson during the 2011 APEC Leaders, Ministers and CEO's Honolulu Summit in November 2011.

Second, the State of Hawaii would like to participate in the 2023 APEC 'Trade Shows during the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers and CEO's Seattle & San Francisco Summit. At that time APEC Hawaii shall prepare and submit the 'Strategic Business Plans' for the 2023 APEC Leaders, Ministers and CEO's Seattle and San Francisco Summit.

Third, we recommend highly that East West Center of Hawaii coordinate with the Native Hawaiians and South Pacific Islanders and participate during the APEC Ministerial & U.S. Senior Official Meetings and it's venues this coming August 2023.

Fourth, the State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT shall coordinate their efforts with The Chamber of Commerces Hawaii and Neighbor Island Chamber of Commerces regarding establishing a APEC Hawaii Delegation Team on the 'Trade Show' participants from Hawaii.

Fifth, the Chamber of Commerces Hawaii shall also work closely with Quad Chamber of Commerces (Japanese, Philippine, Chinese & Korean) and other Ethnic Chamber including

Vietnamese, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Indian & Thailand and etc. So that Ethic Chamber of Commerces in Hawaii shall get equal representation and voice of concerns.

In conclusion, we can also invite the European Union Leaders so that APEC Leaders can engage into a relationship with the European Leaders and Asian Leaders. This way United States can be the intermediary and promote the business between Europe and Asia in accordance to the International Law and World Trade Organization (WTO) trade practices.

If you have any questions please contact me at:Russellhonma@yahoo.com or call at:(808) 275-5261. We will be coordinating our efforts with our U.S. Congressional Delegation, U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, U.S. Senator Maize K. Hirono and U.S. Representatives Ed Case and U.S. Representatives Jill Tokuda.

p/s: Please see below [https: Think Tech Hawaii Show, YouTube Video](https://youtu.be/BwnNLbwhdi8) for details on ‘APEC is Coming to California’, by Russell Honma & Jay Fidell. <https://youtu.be/BwnNLbwhdi8>

All goes best & Mahalo nui loa !

Very truly yours,

Russell Honma

Executive Director

APEC Master Plan Author

APEC Hawaii

cc: President Joe Biden

cc: Vice President Kalama Harris

cc: Secretary of State Anthony Blinken

cc: U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

cc: U.S. Senator Brian Schatz

cc: U.S. Senator Maize K. Hirono

cc: U.S. Representatives Ed Case

cc: U.S. Representatives Jill Tokuda

cc: Chief Justice Mark E Recktenwald, Hawaii Supreme Court

cc: David Lassner President of The University of Hawaii:

cc: Mayor Rick Blangiardi, City & County of Honolulu

cc: Mayor Richard Bissen, County of Maui

cc: Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami, County of Kauai

cc: Mayor Mitch D. Roth, County of Hawaii

cc: Suzanna Vares-Lum, President of The East West Center of Hawaii

cc: Hawaii Chamber of Commerces, Sheri Menor McNamara

cc: The National APEC Center, President Monica Whaley

cc: APEC Headquarters, Executive Director Secretariat Rebecca Sta Maria

cc: President Barack Obama, Emeritus

**SCR-178**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this Resolution that is trying to move us toward a global government.



**SCR-178**

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Comments:

I support SCR178