
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THIS BODY TO ENDORSE THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION; SUPPORTING THE FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE UNITED STATES-TAIWAN INITIATIVE ON 21ST-CENTURY TRADE, A SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO THIS NEGOTIATION, AND ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS TO ENTER INTO A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN; AND SUPPORTING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND COMMEMORATING THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China, known
2 commonly in the United States as Taiwan, are bonded by a shared
3 commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a
4 free market economy; and

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6 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
7 change research, supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and
8 worked with its partners to tackle transnational crime; and

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10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in bodies such
11 as the World Health Organization, International Criminal Police
12 Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
13 Change, and International Civil Aviation Organization would make
14 international mechanisms truly global; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the
17 landmark Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, which is the foundation
18 of United States-Taiwan relations as it promotes a close
19 bilateral relationship that advances mutual security and
20 commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan; and
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1 WHEREAS, preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan
2 Strait is crucial to the maintenance of a free and open Indo-
3 Pacific and Taiwan is an indispensable partner in this endeavor;
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6 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the ninth largest trade partner of the
7 United States, with bilateral trade totaling \$135,500,000,000 in
8 2022; and

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10 WHEREAS, Taiwan supports the United States-led Indo-Pacific
11 Economic Framework, as it will help bolster the economic
12 potential of the region by defining shared trade objectives
13 among partners and by addressing standards for technology,
14 supply chains, the digital economy and clean energy; and

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16 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-
17 Century Trade intends to develop concrete methods to deepen
18 their economic and trade relationship, advance mutual trade
19 priorities based on shared values, and promote innovative and
20 inclusive economic growth for workers and businesses, including
21 through new trade agreements; and

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23 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade, the
24 government of Taiwan has expressed its desire for a Bilateral
25 Trade Agreement, Bilateral Investment Agreement, and an
26 Avoidance of Double Taxation agreement; and

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28 WHEREAS, since establishing a sister-state relationship in
29 1993, Hawaii and Taiwan have developed an enduring and mutually
30 beneficial friendship exemplified by the Taiwan government's
31 generous \$500,000 contribution to Hawaii in the aftermath of the
32 disastrous Maui wildfire in 2023; and

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34 WHEREAS, Taiwan is Hawaii's tenth largest import partner,
35 and its ninth largest export partner, as Taiwan imported
36 \$54,000,000 worth of goods, with award-winning Kona coffee beans
37 being the most popular, and exported \$13,000,000 worth of goods
38 in 2023; and

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40 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and the
41 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been
42 working together to promote substantial cooperation and



1 exchanges in the areas of tourism, agriculture, culture,
2 education, and trade between Hawaii and Taiwan; and
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4 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
5 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation in international
6 education and to highlight Taiwan's capacity to provide Mandarin
7 language instruction; and
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9 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation as a critical
10 language, as well as Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030,
11 schools and institutions of higher education in both Hawaii and
12 Taiwan are encouraged to enhance their exchanges, as exemplified
13 by the partnership between the University of Hawaii and the
14 National Tsing Hua University; and
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16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has established the Gift Scholarship at the
17 University of Hawaii to sponsor Language Flagship for students
18 interested in Mandarin immersion programs in Taiwan, and the
19 University of Hawaii and the National Taiwan Ocean University
20 have signed a memorandum of understanding on Academic
21 Cooperation and an Agreement of Cooperative 3+2 Master Programs,
22 which will further improve the bilateral exchange of education;
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25 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
26 participating in the World Health Organization, the
27 International Civil Aviation Organization, and the International
28 Criminal Police Organization and will continue to support
29 Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other
30 international organizations; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
34 House of Representatives concurring, that this body is urged to
35 join the United States to endorse the participation of Taiwan as
36 an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on
37 Climate Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World
38 Health Organization, and International Criminal Police
39 Organization; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body is urged to support
42 the further progress on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on



1 21st-Century Trade, a speedy conclusion to this negotiation, and
2 encourage the United States Trade Representative to commence
3 negotiations to enter into a bilateral trade agreement with
4 Taiwan; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body is urged to support
7 the State of Hawaii's thirty-first anniversary of sister-state
8 relations with Taiwan and commemorates the forty-fifth
9 anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
13 United States; President of the United States Senate; Speaker of
14 the United States House of Representatives; United States
15 Secretary of State; members of Hawaii's congressional
16 delegation; Governor; and Director of Business, Economic
17 Development, and Tourism.

