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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE
SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE
AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND
EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by a
2 shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule
3 of law, and a free market economy; and
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5 WHEREAS, to further support and reinforce trading
6 partnerships, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st
7 Century Trade has reached an agreement to develop concrete
8 methods to deepen their economic and trade relationship, advance
9 mutual trade priorities based on shared values, and promote
10 innovative and inclusive economic growth for workers and
11 businesses, including through new trade agreements; and
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13 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade, the
14 government of Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign a
15 Bilateral Trade Agreement, Bilateral Investment Agreement, and
16 Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement with the United States;
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan have an established sister-state
20 relationship since 1993, that has developed an enduring and
21 mutually beneficiary friendship exemplified by the Taiwan
22 government's generous \$500,000 contribution to Hawaii in the
23 aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires; and
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25 WHEREAS, in addition to the strong reciprocal trading
26 partnership, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and Taipei
27 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been working
28 together to promote substantial cooperation and exchanges in
29 areas of tourism, agriculture, culture, and education; and
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31 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
32 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
33 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
34 language instruction; and



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2 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation as a critical
3 language and Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030, schools and
4 institutions of higher education in both Hawaii and Taiwan are
5 encouraged to enhance their exchanges, as exemplified by the
6 partnership between University of Hawaii and the National Tsing
7 Hua University; and

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

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

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19 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
20 participating in the World Health Organization, International
21 Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
22 Organization and will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful
23 participation in these and other international organizations;
24 now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
28 that this body joins the United States to endorse the
29 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations
30 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil
31 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and
32 International Criminal Police Organization; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the first
35 agreement under the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade,
36 and encourages the United States Trade Representative to
37 commence negotiations to enter in to a bilateral trade agreement
38 with Taiwan; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commemorates the
41 State of Hawaii's thirty-second anniversary of sister-state

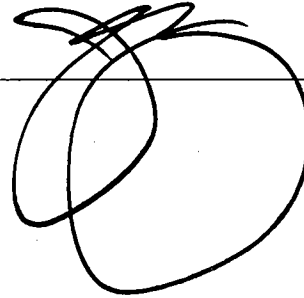


1 relations with Taiwan and supports mutual beneficiary exchanges
2 and cooperation with Taiwan; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;
6 President of the United States Senate; Speaker of the United
7 States House of Representatives; United States Secretary of
8 State; members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation; Governor;
9 and Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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