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Aloha,

My name is Sarina Erstad, Honorary Consul for Norway in Hawai'i. I hereby submit my support for SCR 196 and SR 176.

There are several areas where a partnership between Norway and the State of Hawai'i will be beneficial. Historically Norway and Hawai'i go back to 1879 when the first Norwegians came to work on the sugar plantations, and the Hawaiian Kingdom was seeking hard working laborers.

Today I see that our relationship cross over many areas, not limited to: the maritime industry, electronic infrastructure, renewable energy, and prison reform.

Mahalo,

Sarina Erstad