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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE  
STATE AND THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to  
2 cultivate meaningful relationships with countries and  
3 governments to collaborate on solutions to shared challenges;  
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6 WHEREAS, the State and the Kingdom of Norway share common  
7 challenges as geographically distinct regions with unique  
8 environmental, economic, and social concerns; and  
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10 WHEREAS, both the State and Norway are deeply reliant on  
11 their marine environments, with significant portions of their  
12 economies and cultures tied to fisheries, aquaculture, and ocean  
13 conservation; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Norway has developed one of the world's most  
16 sustainable and technologically advanced fishing and aquaculture  
17 industries, offering valuable insights that could benefit  
18 Hawaii's ongoing efforts to enhance its local seafood production  
19 and marine resource management; and  
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21 WHEREAS, both the State and Norway are at the forefront of  
22 renewable energy development, with Hawaii committed to achieving  
23 one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045 and Norway being a  
24 global leader in hydropower, offshore wind energy, and electric  
25 transportation; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the State could benefit from Norway's expertise in  
28 electric mobility, sustainable urban planning, and green energy  
29 infrastructure, particularly in relation to integrating clean  
30 energy into island-based economies; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the State could further benefit from Norway's  
2 approach to prisons and criminal justice, as a subject of  
3 conversation and collaboration; and  
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5 WHEREAS, tourism is a major economic driver for both Hawaii  
6 and Norway, and the two regions can exchange best practices in  
7 sustainable tourism management to balance economic growth with  
8 environmental preservation; and  
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10 WHEREAS, Norway has a strong tradition of Arctic and marine  
11 research that aligns with the State's research institutions'  
12 focus on oceanography, climate change, and marine biodiversity,  
13 creating opportunities for academic and scientific  
14 collaboration; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Norway has established a robust social safety net  
17 that provides comprehensive healthcare, education, and social  
18 welfare programs, serving as a model for policies that support  
19 quality of life and economic stability; and  
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21 WHEREAS, fostering a broader relationship between Hawaii  
22 and Norway would enhance cross-cultural understanding,  
23 facilitate economic and academic partnerships, and promote joint  
24 initiatives in renewable energy, ocean conservation, and  
25 sustainable development; now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports and  
30 encourages a broader relationship between the State and the  
31 Kingdom of Norway; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
35 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

