
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO CONFER "OBSERVER STATUS" UPON TAIWAN IN ORDER TO PERMIT TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization is the United
2 Nations specialized agency for health and is comprised of most
3 members of the United Nations and a few other nations; and
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5 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's mission is "the
6 attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of
7 health" by combating disease and promoting general health around
8 the world; and
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10 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization is an international
11 body through which different nations may engage in cooperative
12 and coordinated efforts to respond to public health crises; and
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14 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's mission and
15 activities are especially important in contemporary times
16 because more frequent and rapid international travel has the
17 potential for quickly spreading epidemics and infectious
18 diseases across borders; and
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20 WHEREAS, the protection of the health and welfare of all
21 peoples of the world depends greatly upon the World Health
22 Organization; and
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24 WHEREAS, Taiwan, although having a population of twenty-
25 three million people, is not a member of the World Health
26 Organization; and
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28 WHEREAS, Taiwan has expressed a desire and willingness to
29 participate in the World Health Organization's programs and
30 activities; and
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32 WHEREAS, before Taiwan lost its membership in the World
33 Health Organization in 1972 because of termination of its



1 membership in the United Nations, Taiwan was a valuable
2 contributing member of the World Health Organization; and
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4 WHEREAS, if allowed to participate again, there is no doubt
5 that Taiwan will serve as a productive member of the World
6 Health Organization; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2007, that the World Health Organization is requested
11 to confer "observer status" upon Taiwan in order to permit
12 Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization's
13 programs and activities; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United
17 Nations, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and
18 Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
19 Honolulu.
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