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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "STATE OF HAWAII WORLD TRADE
CENTER, HONOLULU".

1 WHEREAS, the Asia/Pacific region, constitutes a significant
2 percentage of the world's total population, of world economic
3 growth, and of total merchandise trade; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's mid-Pacific location makes the State a
6 logical choice to locate a center for international businesses
7 in the Asia/Pacific region; and
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9 WHEREAS, there exist three hundred nine "World Trade
10 Centers" globally, that act as instruments for trade expansion
11 and promote international business relationships and
12 understanding among nations; and
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14 WHEREAS, the establishment of a World Trade Center in
15 Hawaii would serve as a magnet to local and Asia/Pacific
16 business communities; and
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18 WHEREAS, small and medium sized Hawaiian businesses would
19 benefit from both the training courses in international business
20 practices that the World Trade Center Association offers and the
21 increased opportunity to establish international contacts via
22 World Trade Center Associations' services; and
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24 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu and State of
25 Hawaii would benefit from the recognition and interest that the
26 World Trade Center in Honolulu would generate; and
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28 WHEREAS, the establishment of a World Trade Center in
29 Honolulu, would bolster the image of Hawaii as an
30 internationally conscious state; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
4 encourages the formation of a local "State of Hawaii World Trade
5 Center, Honolulu" association to promote business between Hawaii
6 and the dynamic economies of the Asia/Pacific region; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
9 Economic Development, and Tourism and the Governor are requested
10 to work together to establish a World Trade Center in the State;
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of Business, Economic
14 Development, and Tourism is requested to submit to the
15 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2008 a report on the status of the
17 establishment and operation of a World Trade Center in this
18 State; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
22 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the
23 Chairperson of the Convention Center Authority.
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