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# SENATE 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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33           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
35 that the Legislature encourages the formation of a local "State



1 of Hawaii World Trade Center, Honolulu" association to promote  
2 business between Hawaii and the dynamic economies of the  
3 Asia/Pacific region; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
6 Economic Development, and Tourism and the Governor are requested  
7 to work together to establish a World Trade Center in the State;  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of Business, Economic  
11 Development, and Tourism is requested to submit to the  
12 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of  
13 the Regular Session of 2008 a report on the status of the  
14 establishment and operation of a World Trade Center in this  
15 State; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of  
19 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Chairperson  
20 of the Convention Center Authority.  
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OFFERED BY: Carol Fukumaga

