STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3157

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2012

RE: S.R. No. 32

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 32 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO GRANT TAIWAN PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES MEETINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United Nations to grant Taiwan participation as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties meetings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Meteorology, and Hawaii State Climate Office at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Your Committee finds that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties is a key instrument to combat global warming, which acknowledges that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation of nations. Taiwan is a developed and highly industrialized country. Taiwan is eager and prepared to join the international community in order to enhance its own energy efficiency and concomitantly that of the world.

Although the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, is classified as an industrialized nation, that country has yet to be permitted to participate in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. As the world's largest LED manufacturer and the second largest solar cell manufacturer, Taiwan's green energy industry is helping to significantly reduce global carbon emissions and enhance energy efficiency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 32 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,

J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)					
ESPERO, Will (VC)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		\			
GABBARD, Mike		\			
KAHELE, Gilbert					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
SLOM, Sam					
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