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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN) established the Universal  
2 Periodic Review (UPR) in 2006 to review the human rights records  
3 of all one hundred ninety-three UN member states, with the goal  
4 of improving human rights; and

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6 WHEREAS, every UN member state appears and actively  
7 participates in the UPR hosted by the UN Human Rights Council  
8 Working Group in Geneva twice a decade, with each review cycle  
9 lasting four and a half years; and

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11 WHEREAS, the United States appeared at the UPR in 2010,  
12 2014, and most recently on November 9, 2020; and

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14 WHEREAS, hundreds of recommendations have been suggested to  
15 improve and produce a positive impact in Hawai'i and the United  
16 States; and

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18 WHEREAS, Hawai'i is an island state with a multicultural  
19 population from around the world, recognizing the ancestral  
20 wisdom of our host culture, cherishing our natural environment,  
21 and recognizing our unique role in the United States and global  
22 community; and

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24 WHEREAS, Hawai'i was considered in 1944 by President  
25 Franklin D. Roosevelt as a potential host for the UN  
26 headquarters, to serve as a global diplomatic hub; and

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28 WHEREAS, Hawai'i has had civil society and community  
29 associations participate in all three UPR cycles and found that  
30 the stakeholder submissions and recommendations issued provided  
31 a heightened awareness among state legislators of the



1 significance of promoting and protecting human rights at home in  
2 Hawai'i; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawai'i hosts an annual Human Rights Day to  
5 illuminate important and imminent issues at the international  
6 and island levels and to review the recommendations provided in  
7 the UPR; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Hawai'i was designated as America's first Human  
10 Rights state by House Resolution No. 194, which was adopted by  
11 the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature  
12 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Hawai'i was the first state to conduct a Voluntary  
15 Local Review at the UN, sharing our local strategies regarding  
16 the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals through our Aloha+  
17 Challenge; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning has supported the UN's 17  
20 Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for  
21 Sustainable Development, and it has aligned them with the Hawai'i  
22 State Planning Act, the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan, and the  
23 State of Hawaii's Aloha+ Challenge; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Hawai'i continues to bring together civil society  
26 to review the UPR recommendations and to discuss innovative  
27 initiatives to realize human rights at home; and  
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29 WHEREAS, in spring 2021, the UN Office of the High  
30 Commissioner for Human Rights will issue a report connecting the  
31 third UPR human rights recommendations with the 17 Sustainable  
32 Development Goals, which can be used as a guide to achieve the  
33 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Hawai'i; and  
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35 WHEREAS, civil society can generate solutions and share  
36 templates that provide concise, complete contributions about how  
37 to realize human rights on every Hawaiian island; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Hawai'i continues to be pioneer in peace,  
40 sustainability, human rights, and global justice, partnering  
41 with city and county councils, as well as leadership from state



1 agencies and elected public officials, to maintain the human  
2 rights movement in Hawai'i; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawai'i continues to participate in all phases of  
5 the UN processes, and it will continue to organize community  
6 conversations and commemorations for upcoming global events such  
7 as the Paris Agreement, using a locally determined contribution  
8 (LDC) to supplement the nationally determined contribution (NDC)  
9 and future reports to the United Nations Human Rights Core  
10 Treaty Bodies; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning  
15 is requested to implement the recommendations of the third  
16 Universal Periodic Review statewide across all executive  
17 departments in furtherance of the State's Planning Act; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the UN Secretary  
21 General, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, President of the  
22 United States, Vice President of the United States, Speaker of  
23 the U.S. House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the U.S.  
24 Senate, Hawai'i's congressional delegation, U.S. Department of  
25 State, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Governor, and  
26 Director of Planning.

