
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING UNITED STATES PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. AND THE
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO HOLD THE 2023
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUMMIT IN THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a
2 regional economic forum established in 1989, that aims to create
3 greater prosperity for the people of the region by promoting
4 balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth
5 and by accelerating regional economic integration; and
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7 WHEREAS, APEC is the only international intergovernmental
8 grouping in the world committed to reducing barriers to trade
9 and investment without requiring its members to enter into
10 legally binding obligations, but endeavors to achieve its goals
11 by promoting dialogue and arriving at decisions on a consensus
12 basis, giving equal weight to the views of all members; and
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14 WHEREAS, APEC's twenty-one member economies, comprised of
15 Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic
16 of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea;
17 Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The
18 Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei;
19 Thailand; United States of America; and Vietnam, represent over
20 forty percent of the world's population and over fifty percent
21 of the world's trade; and
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23 WHEREAS, every year, one of the twenty-one APEC members
24 plays host to an APEC Summit and serves as the APEC Chair; and
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26 WHEREAS, the host economy for the APEC Summit is
27 responsible for chairing various meetings, including the annual
28 Economic Leaders' Meeting, selected ministerial meetings, senior
29 officials' meetings, the APEC Business Advisory Council and the
30 APEC Study Centers Consortium; and



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WHEREAS, hosting the APEC Summit demonstrates the United States' strong commitment to building and strengthening its productive relationships with the members of APEC; and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost honor for a city to be chosen as the hosting city of APEC's annual conference; and

WHEREAS, the hosting city will also be given the tremendous opportunity to establish positive and long-lasting relationships with the attending APEC member economies and their people, including thousands of diplomats, support staff, and media members from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing friendship, goodwill, and economic and educational relations between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asia-Pacific regional economies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, which is renowned not only for its hospitality grounded in the spirit of Aloha, natural beauty, and mild weather, but also for its diverse ethnicities and consensus building among multiple cultures; is situated at the intersection of the twenty-one members of APEC; and has experience successfully hosting and accommodating numerous international conferences, including the 2011 APEC Summit and the World Conservation Congress of the International Union for Conservation of Nature in 2016, is an ideal location to hold APEC Summits; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the House of Representatives concurring, that United States President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation are urged to hold the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; Secretary of State of the United States; Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; Executive Director of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat;



- 1 Governor; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
- 2 Tourism; and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

