
SENATE 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 Viet Nam, 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 APEC meetings (Summit) and serves as the APEC
25 Chair; and
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27 WHEREAS, the host economy for the APEC Summit is
28 responsible for chairing various meetings, including the annual
29 Economic Leaders' Meeting, selected ministerial meetings, senior
30 officials' meetings, the APEC Business Advisory Council and the
31 APEC Study Centers Consortium; and
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1 WHEREAS, hosting the APEC Summit demonstrates the United
2 States' strong commitment to building and strengthening its
3 productive relationships with the members of APEC; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is of the utmost honor for a city to be chosen
6 as the hosting city of APEC's annual conference; and
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8 WHEREAS, the hosting city will also be given the tremendous
9 opportunity to establish positive and long-lasting relationships
10 with the attending APEC member economies and their people,
11 including thousands of diplomats, support staff, and media
12 members from around the world; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
15 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
16 friendship, goodwill, and economic and educational relations
17 between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asia-Pacific
18 regional economies; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, which is renowned not only
21 for its hospitality grounded in the spirit of Aloha, natural
22 beauty, and mild weather, but also for its diverse ethnicities
23 and consensus building among multiple cultures; is situated at
24 the intersection of the twenty-one members of APEC; and has
25 experience successfully hosting and accommodating numerous
26 international conferences, including the 2011 APEC Summit and
27 the World Conservation Congress of the International Union for
28 Conservation of Nature in 2016, is an ideal location to hold
29 APEC Summits; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
33 that United States President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and the Asia-
34 Pacific Economic Cooperation are urged to hold the 2023 Asia-
35 Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in the City and County of
36 Honolulu, State of Hawaii; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the
40 United States; Executive Director of the Asia-Pacific Economic
41 Cooperation Secretariat; Governor; Director of Business,



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

