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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE AND EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT THE GLOBAL PACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO ACHIEVE THE UNITED NATIONS PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE 2030 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA, AND TO SPECIFICALLY ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, NUMBERS 13 THROUGH 17.

1           WHEREAS, the State is recognized as a global partner and  
2 local leader in promotion of human rights and protection of the  
3 earth through its consistent acceptance of global standards that  
4 better serve our islands and the world; and  
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6           WHEREAS, Hawai'i is guided by traditional Kanaka Maoli  
7 values and emerging international human rights principles to  
8 generate positive policy encouraging prevention and precaution  
9 regarding the planet; and  
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11           WHEREAS, in September 2015, the United Nations General  
12 Assembly adopted the historic "Transforming our world: the 2030  
13 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (2030 Development Agenda),  
14 which is a comprehensive, compassionate, creative, and  
15 courageous plan of action to end poverty, protect the planet,  
16 and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the 2030 Development Agenda includes seventeen  
19 sustainable development goals, one hundred sixty-nine targets,  
20 and two hundred thirty indicators upon which general agreement  
21 has been reached to measure, monitor, and mobilize to achieve  
22 these goals and targets; and  
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24           WHEREAS, goals 13 through 17 of the United Nations  
25 sustainable development goals are vital to protecting the  
26 State's land and people and should be adopted as local policy  
27 and governing principles for local government entities and other  
28 organizations; and  
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1           WHEREAS, goals 13 through 17 of the United Nations  
2 sustainable development goals are the following, respectively:

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- 4           (1) Take urgent action to combat climate change and its  
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  - 7           (2) Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and  
8           marine resources for sustainable development;
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  - 10          (3) Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of  
11          terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests,  
12          combat desertification, and halt and reverse land  
13          degradation and halt biodiversity loss;
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  - 15          (4) Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for  
16          sustainable development, provide access to justice for  
17          all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive  
18          institutions at all levels; and
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  - 20          (5) Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize  
21          the global partnership for sustainable development;  
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24           WHEREAS, in December 2015, parties to the United Nations  
25 Framework Convention on Climate Change, also known as Conference  
26 of the Parties, adopted the Paris Agreement that further limited  
27 the allowable temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius to  
28 protect our Pacific neighbors; and

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30           WHEREAS, Hawai'i continues to partner with other states,  
31 territories, and nation-states with the "We Are Still In"  
32 movement; and

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34           WHEREAS, the Pacific islands in the Pacific Islands Forum  
35 for Oceania have undertaken creative campaigns to partner with  
36 the United Nations' specialized agency programs and funding, as  
37 well as participating in the United Nations' major forums,  
38 including the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable  
39 Development, which focuses on the United Nations sustainable  
40 development goals; and



1           WHEREAS, the Global Pact for the Environment (Global Pact)  
2 is an initiative led by the hosts of the United Nations  
3 Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris to address the  
4 fragmented nature and inconsistent implementation of  
5 international environmental law by enumerating fundamental  
6 climate change principles in one legally binding framework for  
7 current and future generations for equity and equality; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Global Pact will serve as a cornerstone in  
10 international human rights and environmental law and create a  
11 more coherent global environmental governance; and

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13           WHEREAS, the Global Pact addresses the challenges posed by  
14 environmental degradation in the context of sustainable  
15 development and induces a greater degree of uniformity for  
16 environmental laws in all states; and

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18           WHEREAS, the Global Pact consists of over two dozen  
19 articles that cover a variety of topics and ideas to consider  
20 for implementation, including:

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22           (1) The right to an ecologically sound environment;  
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24           (2) The duty to take care of the environment;  
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26           (3) Integration and sustainable development;  
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28           (4) Intergenerational equity;  
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30           (5) Prevention;  
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32           (6) Precaution;  
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34           (7) Environmental damages;  
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36           (8) Polluter-pays;  
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- (12) Education and training;
- (13) Research and innovation;
- (14) The role of non-state actors and subnational entities;
- (15) The effectiveness of environmental norms;
- (16) Resilience;
- (17) Environmental non-regression;
- (18) Cooperation;
- (19) Armed conflicts;
- (20) The diversity of national situations;
- (21) Monitoring implementation of the Pact; and
- (22) Other topics focusing on the Secretariat, signature, ratification, acceptance, approval, entry into force, denunciation, and depositary; and

WHEREAS, the Global Pact provides an agenda based upon the articles for grassroots and global action to generate the political will to protect the planet today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the State desires to promote sustainable development where each generation can satisfy its needs without compromising the capability of future generations to meet their needs to respect the balance and integrity of the Earth's and Hawai'i's fragile ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i emphasizes the vital role of women to achieve the United Nations sustainable development goals and the necessity to promote gender equality and empowerment of wahine for global general well-being; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is already involved in international initiatives to protect the planet and the Oceania region by



1 actively participating in many United Nations annual sessions  
2 and meetings and by partnering with United Nations specialized  
3 agencies, programs, and funds, including partnering with the  
4 United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
5 and participating in the United Nations Environment Programme;  
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8 WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, college, community, and capitol  
9 dialogues on the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Development  
10 Agenda, among other climate change topics, continue to generate  
11 genuine insight that contributes to Voluntary Local Reviews,  
12 which are voluntary reports to the United Nations on local  
13 progress on implementing the United Nations sustainable  
14 development goals; and  
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16 WHEREAS, local opportunities for the State's youth to learn  
17 about and participate in climate change initiatives include  
18 opportunities at colleges and universities that provide input on  
19 achieving the Global Pact, with a focus on research and  
20 innovation, and participation in a Hawai'i human rights and  
21 resilience process; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the State and each  
26 county are urged to adopt the Global Pact to achieve the United  
27 Nations Paris Agreement and the 2030 Development Agenda, and to  
28 specifically adopt the United Nations sustainable development  
29 goals, numbers 13 through 17; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Global Pact should be  
32 embraced and that protection of nature should be the centerpiece  
33 of the State's policies and practices; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United Nations  
37 Secretary General and High Commissioner for Human Rights,  
38 President and Vice President of the United States, President Pro  
39 Tempore of the United States Senate, Majority and Minority  
40 Leaders of the United States Senate, Speaker and Minority Leader  
41 of the United States House of Representatives, each member of



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1 Hawai'i's congressional delegation, Governor, and mayors of each  
2 county of Hawai'i.

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