
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO BUILD A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KINGDOM OF
THE NETHERLANDS AND COLLABORATE ON SIMILAR, SHARED
CHALLENGES AND GOALS.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to
2 cultivate meaningful relationships with countries and
3 subnational governments to collaborate on solutions to shared
4 challenges; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Netherlands is a northwestern European country
7 notable for its economic, cultural, and ecological contributions
8 to world history; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii and the Netherlands are very similar in
11 both challenges faced and shared values; and

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13 WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, the Netherlands is especially
14 vulnerable to the effects of climate change; and

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16 WHEREAS, with seventeen percent of its land having been
17 reclaimed from bodies of water, the Netherlands is particularly
18 threatened by sea level rise and flooding brought on by global
19 warming; and

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21 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Netherlands has
22 developed inventive land reclamation and flood mitigation
23 strategies that, if also adopted in Hawaii, could be used to
24 defend the State from impending catastrophic sea level rise; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Netherlands is renowned for its innovative and
27 productive agricultural practices that could be useful to the
28 State in promoting local farms; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Netherlands has pioneered transportation
2 solutions that have reduced costs, curbed emissions, and
3 improved safety and could also be advantageous to the State
4 given the current challenges to Hawaii's future; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii and the Netherlands are both members of the
7 Local2030 Islands Network and are committed to the same
8 sustainable development goals; and

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10 WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, the Netherlands is a center of
11 cultural and commercial exchange; and

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13 WHEREAS, as a result, Hawaii and the Netherlands both
14 highly value social tolerance, gender equality, and the
15 promotion of LGBTQ+ rights; and

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17 WHEREAS, given the similarities between the State and the
18 Netherlands, fostering a relationship with the Netherlands would
19 be beneficial; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that this body encourages
24 the State to build a partnership with the Kingdom of the
25 Netherlands and collaborate on similar, shared challenges and
26 goals; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
30 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

