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SENATE 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 could be used to defend the State from impending
24 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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30 WHEREAS, the Netherlands has pioneered transportation
31 solutions that have reduced costs, curbed emissions, and
32 improved safety that could also be advantageous to the State
33 given the current challenges to Hawaii's future; and



