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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION, UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AND URGING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO GRANT TAIWAN MEMBERSHIP, OBSERVER, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUS.

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States the universal 1 values of freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights and 2 the rule of law; and 3 4 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Hawaii have an established sister-state 5 6 relationship since 1993, and sister-city or sister-county relationships have been established between Honolulu and 7 Kaohsiung City, Maui County and Pingtung County, Hawaii County 8 9 and Hualien County, and Kauai County and Penghu County; and 10 11 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have worked 12 together to promote cooperation and exchanges in tourism, 13 14 agriculture, culture, education, and trade; and 15 16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has a gross domestic product of \$828,600,000,000, making it the twenty-first largest economy in 17 18 the world; and 19 20 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population is approximately twenty-three and a half million, making it the fifty-seventh most populous 21 nation or dependency in the world; and 22 23 24 WHEREAS, Taiwan has full membership in forty intergovernmental organizations or their subsidiary bodies, 25 including the World Trade Organization, Asia-Pacific Economic 26 Cooperation, Central American Bank for Economic Integration; and 27 28

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1 WHEREAS, Taiwan is also an observer or holds another status in twenty-five intergovernmental organizations or their 2 subsidiary bodies, including the European Bank for 3 Reconstruction and Development; and 4 5 WHEREAS, despite those memberships and statuses, Taiwan is 6 not a member of the World Health Organization, International 7 Criminal Police Organization, United Nations Framework 8 Convention on Climate Change, or International Civil Aviation 9 Organization; now, therefore, 10 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, 13 that the United States is urged to support Taiwan's 14 participation in additional international organizations, 15 including the World Health Organization, International Criminal 16 17 Police Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and International Civil Aviation Organization; 18 19 and 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the World Health Organization, 21 International Criminal Police Organization, United Nations 22 Framework Convention on Climate Change, and International Civil 23 Aviation Organization are urged to grant Taiwan observer or 24 25 other appropriate status; and 26 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, 28 President of Taiwan, Director-General of the World Health 29 Organization, Secretary General of the International Criminal 30 Police Organization, Executive Secretary of the United Nations 31 Framework Convention on Climate Change, and President of the 32 International Civil Aviation Organization. 33 34 35 OFFERED BY: Bless 36

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