

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 72

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 72 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HAWAII-TAIWAN FRIENDSHIP TASKFORCE TO EXPLORE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN, IMPROVE, AND EXPAND ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN HAWAII AND TAIWAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a Hawaii-Taiwan Friendship Task Force to explore ways to strengthen, improve, and expand economic, cultural, and educational relations between Hawaii and Taiwan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Taiwan and Hawaii have enjoyed a sister-state relationship since 1993 and sister-city and sister-county relationships between Honolulu and Kaohsiung City, Maui County and Pingtung County, Hawaii County and Hualien County, and Kauai County and Penghu County. The State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have worked together to promote cooperation and exchanges in tourism, agriculture, culture, education, and trade. Your Committee further finds in 2021, Taiwan was Hawaii's tenth-largest trade partner, with exports to Hawaii totaling \$54,000,000 and

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imports from Hawaii totaling \$13,000,000. Your Committee additionally finds that this measure will help explore ways to strengthen, improve, and expand economic, cultural, and educational relations between Hawaii and Taiwan.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 72 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts &
International Affairs,



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



