HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. **(5)**

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO PERMANENTLY CANCEL RIMPAC EXERCISES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, or RIMPAC, is the 2 world's largest international maritime warfare exercise and has 3 been held biannually in Hawaii since 1971; and 4

5 WHEREAS, the six-week exercise generally brings to the 6 State representatives from more than twenty countries and more 7 than twenty-five thousand additional military personnel; and 8

9 WHEREAS, military sea exercises during RIMPAC damage
10 corals; disrupt marine mammals' group communication, hunting,
11 and breeding; and cause sonar-related injuries and deaths for
12 marine mammals and fish; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Commission on the Status 15 of Women, women and gender minorities are at increased risk of 16 violence and sex trafficking during RIMPAC due to the heightened 17 presence of military personnel; and

19 WHEREAS, state, national, and international organizations 20 have petitioned for the end of RIMPAC based, in part, on the 21 harm the exercise causes to Hawaii's environment, animals, and 22 people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the United States Armed Forces are urged to permanently cancel RIMPAC exercises in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
Secretary of Defense, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, United
States Army Pacific Commanding General, United States Navy

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Pacific Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces
Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Commander,
and United States Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander.

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