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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.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to 1 2 cultivate meaningful relationships with countries and subnational governments to collaborate on solutions to shared 3 challenges; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the Netherlands is a northwestern European country 6 notable for its economic, cultural, and ecological contributions 7 to world history; and 8 9 10 WHEREAS, Hawaii and the Netherlands are very similar in both challenges faced and shared values; and 11 12 WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, the Netherlands is especially 13 vulnerable to the effects of climate change; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, with seventeen percent of its land having been reclaimed from bodies of water, the Netherlands is particularly 17 threatened by sea level rise and flooding brought on by global 18 19 warming; and 20 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Netherlands has 21 developed inventive land reclamation and flood mitigation 22 23 strategies that could be used to defend the State from impending catastrophic sea level rise; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the Netherlands is renowned for its innovative and 26 productive agricultural practices that could be useful to the 4 27 State in promoting local farms; and 28 29 WHEREAS, the Netherlands has pioneered transportation 30 solutions that have reduced costs, curbed emissions, and 31 improved safety that could also be advantageous to the State 32 given the current challenges to Hawaii's future; and 33 34

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WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, the Netherlands is a center of 1 cultural and commercial exchange; and 2 3 WHEREAS, as a result, Hawaii and the Netherlands both 4 5 highly value social tolerance, gender equality, and the promotion of LGBTQ+ rights; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, given the similarities between the State and the 9 Netherlands, fostering a relationship with the Netherlands would be beneficial; 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 this body encourages the State to build a partnership with 14 the Kingdom of the Netherlands and collaborate on the similar, 15 shared challenges and goals; and 16 17 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic 20 Development, and Tourism. 21 22 23 OFFERED BY: