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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE STATE'S COLLABORATION WITH SISTER-STATES ON
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, subnational governments such as Hawaii are leading
2 the way on environmental issues such as pollution, conservation,
3 and climate change, and adopting policies that are far more
4 aggressive than those at the federal or national levels, which
5 are often tempered or prevented by international politics; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State is committed to the Under2 Coalition
8 Memorandum of Understanding, the United States Climate Alliance,
9 and the Paris Agreement; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Act 97, Session Laws of
12 2015, which set a goal for the State to achieve one hundred
13 percent renewable energy by 2045; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Act 15, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii 2018, which established a zero emissions clean economy
17 target, sequestering more carbon emissions than produced
18 annually by 2045; and
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20 WHEREAS, countless other subnational governments are
21 working toward adopting similar goals and building clean
22 economies that will catalyze innovation, create new jobs, and
23 provide new opportunities for clean investment; and
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25 WHEREAS, global cooperation on environmental and climate
26 issues has strengthened, with nations and subnational
27 governments convening regularly to forge agreements, trade best
28 practices, and develop clean economic policies at opportunities
29 such as the United Nations Conference of the Parties; and
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31 WHEREAS, Hawaii stands to benefit from global meetings by
32 learning about innovative solutions for climate change, building
33 a clean economy, and expanding environmental protections and
34 opportunities for the investment and creation of new jobs; now,
35 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
3 that this body encourages the State's collaboration with Sister-
4 States on global environmental leadership; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a national leader on
7 environmental protection and climate change in the United
8 States, the State should engage in work with other subnational
9 and national governments on environmental and climate change
10 issues at global convenings such as the United Nations
11 Conference of the Parties and other similar opportunities for
12 collaboration; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of
16 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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OFFERED BY: 

