HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO. 204

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII STATE GOVERNMENT TO RESTRICT INTERNAL DISSEMINATION OF CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY PROPAGANDA.

WHEREAS, confronting the threat of the Chinese Communist 1 2 Party is the Federal Bureau of Investigation's top 3 counterintelligence priority; and 4 5 WHEREAS, FBI Director Christopher Wray has identified the 6 counterintelligence and economic espionage threat from China as the United States' greatest long-term danger to intellectual 7 8 property and economic vitality; and 9 10 WHEREAS, China Daily is an English-language newspaper owned by the Central Propaganda Department of the Chinese Communist 11 12 Party; and 13 14 WHEREAS, China Daily is distributed free-of-charge upon 15 request to offices in Hawaii's legislative and executive branches; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, according to the FBI, the Chinese Communist Party 19 is employing tactics that seek to influence lawmakers to achieve policies that are more favorable to China, with the free 20 delivery of China Daily to the Hawai'i State Capitol being one 21 such method: and 22 23 24 WHEREAS, China Daily has been registered as a foreign agent in the United States since 1983; and 25 26 27 WHEREAS, the Chinese Communist Party's Information Office has stated China Daily is "one of [the] most important tools in 28 29 carrying out external propaganda"; and 30



WHEREAS, China Daily has on numerous occasions come under 1 scrutiny for publishing fabricated content, spreading 2 disinformation, and engaging in censorship and propaganda; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the information an individual is exposed to largely defines their viewpoints; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, the distribution and consumption of knowingly 9 propagandistic content based in anti-Western sentiment by elected officials is counterproductive to the operations of the 10 11 Hawaii State Government; now, therefore, 12 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 14 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 15 Session of 2024, that the distribution of China Daily by request and free of charge within Hawaii State Government be immediately 16 17 ceased; and 18 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant 20 Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the Hawaii 21 22 State Senate, the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of 23 Representatives, the Sergeant-At-Arms of the Hawaii State 24 Senate, and the Sergeant-At-Arms of the Hawaii State House of 25 Representatives. 26 27 Forthes 28

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