
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE
SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE
AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND
EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by a
2 shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule
3 of law, and a free market economy; and
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5 WHEREAS, to further support and reinforce trading
6 partnerships, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st
7 Century Trade has reached an agreement to develop concrete
8 methods to deepen the economic and trade relationship of the
9 countries, advance mutual trade priorities based on shared
10 values, and promote innovative and inclusive economic growth for
11 workers and businesses, including through new trade agreements;
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14 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade, the
15 government of Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign a
16 bilateral trade agreement, bilateral investment agreement, and
17 avoidance of double taxation agreement with the United States;
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan have had an established sister-
21 state relationship since 1993 that has developed an enduring and
22 mutually beneficiary friendship, exemplified by the Taiwan
23 government's generous \$500,000 contribution to Hawaii in the
24 aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires; and
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26 WHEREAS, in addition to the strong reciprocal trading
27 partnership, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and Taipei
28 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been working
29 together to promote substantial cooperation and exchanges in
30 areas of tourism, agriculture, culture, and education; and
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1 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
2 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
3 education and enhance Taiwan's role in providing Mandarin
4 Chinese language instruction; and

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6 WHEREAS, given the designation of Mandarin Chinese as a
7 critical language and Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030,
8 schools and institutions of higher education in both Hawaii and
9 Taiwan have enhanced their exchanges, as exemplified by the
10 partnership between University of Hawaii and the National Tsing
11 Hua University; and

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13 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
14 change research, supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and
15 worked with its partners to tackle transnational crime; and

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17 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in bodies such
18 as the World Health Organization, International Criminal Police
19 Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
20 Change, and International Civil Aviation Organization would make
21 international mechanisms truly global; and

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23 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
24 participating in the World Health Organization, International
25 Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
26 Organization and will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful
27 participation in these and other international organizations;
28 now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2025, that this body joins the United States to endorse the
33 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations
34 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil
35 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and
36 International Criminal Police Organization; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the first
39 agreement under the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-
40 Century Trade and encourages the United States Trade
41 Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a
42 bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commemorates the
3 State of Hawaii's thirty-second anniversary of sister-state
4 relations with Taiwan and supports mutual beneficiary exchanges
5 and cooperation with Taiwan; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Republic of
9 China; President of the United States; President of the United
10 States Senate; Speaker of the United States House of
11 Representatives; United States Secretary of State; members of
12 Hawaii's Congressional delegation; Governor; and Director of
13 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

