
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONGRESSIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDS CAUCUS TO REINTRODUCE
AND ADVOCATE FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE "ENGAGE THE PACIFIC
ACT".

1 WHEREAS, broadening and deepening engagement with Pacific
2 Islands is vital to securing allies in the Asia-Pacific region;
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5 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific region plays an outsized role in
6 the national security interests of the United States and the
7 world; and
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9 WHEREAS, islands in the Pacific face major challenges such
10 as natural disasters, economic obstacles, maintenance of civil
11 society, and threats to democracy and sovereignty from maligned
12 actors; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 2023 and 2024 the 118th United States Congress
15 considered the Engage the Pacific Act; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Engage the Pacific Act took into account
18 specific requests from Pacific Island leaders and priorities
19 identified by United States government officials; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Engage the Pacific Act would require the
22 Secretary of State to establish a Committee on Engagement with
23 Civil Society Organizations in the Pacific Islands; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Engage the Pacific Act would also require the
26 Secretary of State to further develop the United States'
27 communications strategy in the Pacific region; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Engage the Pacific Act would also support
30 professional development and higher education scholarship
31 programs for Pacific Island citizens; and



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2 WHEREAS, despite these many benefits, the 118th United
3 States Congress failed to pass the Engage the Pacific Act; and
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5 WHEREAS, renewed consideration and the ultimate passage of
6 the Engage the Pacific Act would demonstrate the United States'
7 sustained commitment to the Pacific Islands; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2025, that the United States Congressional Pacific Islands
12 Caucus is urged to reintroduce and advocate for the passage of
13 the Engage the Pacific Act; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to all members of the United States
17 Congressional Pacific Islands Caucus.
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