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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII
AND NEW ZEALAND.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to
2 cultivate meaningful relationships with countries and
3 subnational governments to collaborate on solutions to shared
4 challenges; and

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6 WHEREAS, New Zealand is a Pacific island nation renowned
7 for its leadership in environmental sustainability, indigenous
8 rights, and disaster resilience; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii and New Zealand share similar challenges
11 and values, particularly concerning climate change,
12 conservation, and indigenous cultural preservation; and

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14 WHEREAS, New Zealand is a world leader in biosecurity,
15 having developed and implemented policies to combat invasive
16 species and prevent the introduction of new species into their
17 unique ecosystem; and

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19 WHEREAS, both Hawaii and New Zealand are particularly
20 vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including rising
21 sea levels, coastal erosion, and the increased frequency of
22 extreme weather events; and

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24 WHEREAS, New Zealand has pioneered innovative climate
25 change adaptation and mitigation strategies, including renewable
26 energy initiatives, carbon reduction policies, and nature-based
27 solutions that could serve as a model for Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, New Zealand has developed robust agricultural
30 practices that emphasize sustainability and food security that
31 could be beneficial to the State's local farming and food
32 production industries; and

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1 WHEREAS, both Hawaii and New Zealand place a strong
2 emphasis on indigenous cultural heritage, with Hawaii's Native
3 Hawaiian community and New Zealand's Maori population sharing a
4 commitment to language preservation, cultural revitalization,
5 and self-determination; and
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7 WHEREAS, New Zealand has successfully implemented policies
8 that integrate indigenous perspectives into governance, resource
9 management, and education, providing a valuable framework that
10 could inform Hawaii's efforts to empower Native Hawaiian voices
11 and initiatives; and
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii and New Zealand are both active
14 participants in Pacific regional organizations and initiatives
15 that promote sustainable development, economic cooperation, and
16 cultural exchange; and
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18 WHEREAS, fostering a broader relationship between Hawaii
19 and New Zealand would strengthen economic ties, enhance
20 knowledge-sharing, and promote collaboration on shared regional
21 and global challenges; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports and
26 encourages a broader relationship between Hawaii and New
27 Zealand; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
31 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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OFFERED BY: _____

