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# SENATE 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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34          WHEREAS, both Hawaii and New Zealand place a strong  
35 emphasis on indigenous cultural heritage, with Hawaii's Native  
36 Hawaiian community and New Zealand's Maori population sharing a



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