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# SENATE 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 their economic and trade relationship, advance  
9 mutual trade priorities based on shared values, and promote  
10 innovative and inclusive economic growth for workers and  
11 businesses, including through new trade agreements; and  
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13           WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade, the  
14 government of Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign a  
15 Bilateral Trade Agreement, Bilateral Investment Agreement, and  
16 Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement with the United States;  
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19           WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan have an established sister-state  
20 relationship since 1993, that has developed an enduring and  
21 mutually beneficiary friendship exemplified by the Taiwan  
22 government's generous \$500,000 contribution to Hawaii in the  
23 aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires; and  
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25           WHEREAS, in addition to the strong reciprocal trading  
26 partnership, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and Taipei  
27 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been working  
28 together to promote substantial cooperation and exchanges in  
29 areas of tourism, agriculture, culture, and education; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was  
32 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international



1 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin  
2 language instruction; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

