

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1603

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 31  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 31 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING 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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to endorse Taiwan's international participation, support the signing of a United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement, and commemorate the relationships and exchanges between the State of Hawaii and Taiwan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Taipei Economic and Cultural Office; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the United States and Taiwan are both dedicated to promoting democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii and Taiwan have an established sister-state relationship since 1993, that has developed an enduring and mutually beneficial friendship which has dramatically strengthened trade agreements. Your Committee concludes that because of the



valuable contributions of Taiwan on a state, federal, and global scale, it is vital to encourage further international participation, advance mutual trade priorities based on shared values, and promote innovative and inclusive economic growth with Taiwan.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 31, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 31, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Culture and the Arts,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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