

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1604

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.R. No. 17
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.R. No. 17 entitled:

"SENATE 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.R. No. 17, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 17, S.D. 1.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">SR 17</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">TCA</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">03/25/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	4	ϕ	ϕ	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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