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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE EAST-WEST CENTER TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT  
AROUND THE WORLD AND SERVE AS A BRIDGE TO HELP THE STATE  
SHARE ITS UNIQUE EXPERTISE WITH TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, FOOD  
SECURITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, CLEAN ENERGY, AND  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WHERE IT MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL TO  
OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

1 WHEREAS, the East-West Center, headquartered in Honolulu,  
2 Hawaii, has a long history of fostering cooperation and  
3 development among nations in the Asia-Pacific region and around  
4 the world through education, research, and policy engagement;  
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7 WHEREAS, food security and public health are critical  
8 issues facing Pacific island nations and other countries around  
9 the world, which have been exacerbated by climate change,  
10 economic instability, and limited access to resources; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the United States Agency for International  
13 Development has played a significant role in supporting food  
14 security, nutrition programs, and health initiatives abroad, and  
15 its dismantling creates a gap in vital aid and assistance; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the East-West Center is uniquely positioned to  
18 serve as a bridge between Hawaii, Pacific island nations, and  
19 other countries around the world in the areas of tropical  
20 agriculture, food security, public health, education, clean  
21 energy, and sustainable development; and  
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23 WHEREAS, strengthening global partnerships by leveraging  
24 the sharing of government, academic, and nonprofit expertise  
25 will be essential to help address emerging challenges in  
26 developing nations throughout the Pacific and around the world;  
27 now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the East-West Center  
4 is urged to expand international engagement around the world and  
5 serve as a bridge to help the State share its unique expertise  
6 with tropical agriculture, food security, public health,  
7 education, clean energy, and sustainable development; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East-West Center is urged  
10 to collaborate with governments, organizations, universities,  
11 and community stakeholders to utilize Hawaii's unique expertise  
12 to assist other communities around the world overcoming similar  
13 challenges; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East-West Center is  
16 requested through these collaborations to encourage state  
17 leaders, subject matter experts, students, and others to  
18 participate, learn, broaden their worldview, and build mutually  
19 beneficial experiences and partnerships; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President  
23 of the University of Hawaii System, and President of the  
24 East-West Center.  
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