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SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ALL CYCLES OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, WHERE APPLICABLE TO THE STATE.

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         WHEREAS, human rights and fundamental freedom are core
   values of the United States of America and the global community;
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         WHEREAS, the United Nations is rooted in universal human
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    rights; and
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         WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review is a process through
   which all United Nations member states review each other's human
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    rights records; and
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         WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review is an important
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    opportunity to organize in one's community, classroom, and
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    global civil society to realize human rights for all people; and
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         WHEREAS, the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review
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    is underway, and the United States will be reviewed on
    November 10, 2025; and
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         WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review provides for
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   participatory engagement in public policy and provides a vision
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   for the future of the nation; and
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         WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review creates a chance to
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    rejuvenate a culture of human rights across the country where
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    every voice can contribute to creative campaigns for positive
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    change for all; and
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         WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review allows for a broad
    discussion and dialogue regarding holistic human rights
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    guaranteeing individual dignity and collective equality; and
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         WHEREAS, on November 5, 2010, the United States underwent
    the first ever Universal Periodic Review of its human rights
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record before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva; 1 2 and 3 4 WHEREAS, the United States completed its second Universal Periodic Review at the United Nations Human Rights Council at 5 6 the Palace of Nations in Geneva on May 11, 2015; and 7 WHEREAS, the most recent Universal Periodic Review covered 8 major concerns and campaigns to achieve the article of the 9 United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human 10 Rights, with the third cycle taking place on November 9, 2020; 11 12 and 13 WHEREAS, the review process provided an opportunity for the 14 15 United States to identify human rights violations, develop solutions, and bring policies in line with international human 16 rights standards; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, the recommendations from the three cycles of the Universal Periodic Review provided insight into the major human 20 rights issues in the United States; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, the upcoming recommendations from the fourth cycle can be reviewed and examined to be realized in the State; and 24 25 26 WHEREAS, the human rights recommendations are also matched with the 2030 United Nations Agenda, linking each recommendation 27 with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and 28 29 covering the seventeen global goals on the ground in the nation's communities and state capitals; and 30 31 WHEREAS, local and state officials across the United States 32 have begun to take the lead to utilize the Universal Periodic 33 Review as a positive tool to transform their communities; and 34 35 WHEREAS, many civil society associations and non-36 37 governmental organizations in the State participated in the preparation of stakeholder reports and hosted community 38 dialogues for the Universal Periodic Review of the United 39 States; and 40 41



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WHEREAS, a majority of the recommendations were taken 1 directly from civil society stakeholder reports and subsequent 2 study sheets that United Nations members used in the review 3 4 process; and 5 WHEREAS, the recommendations from all four cycles provided 6 7 basis for basic human rights in the State; now, therefore, 8 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, 10 that the Legislature supports the implementation of the 11 12 recommendations from all cycles of the Universal Periodic Review by the United Nations Human Rights Council, where applicable to 13 the State; and 14 15 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the promotion of a culture of human rights based on the principles 17 established in the Charter of the United Nations; and 18 19 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the 21 greater participation in United Nations human rights, sustainable development, climate processes promoting rights and 22 fundamental freedoms, and protecting the planet; and 23 24 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United 26 Nations, High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United 27 Nations, and members of Hawai'i's congressional delegation. 28 29 Kal Nhad 30 31

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