
SENATE 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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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,



1 that the East-West Center is urged to expand international
2 engagement around the world and serve as a bridge to help the
3 State share its unique expertise with tropical agriculture, food
4 security, public health, education, clean energy, and
5 sustainable development where it might be most helpful to other
6 communities around the world; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East-West Center is urged
9 to collaborate with governments, organizations, universities,
10 and community stakeholders to utilize Hawaii's unique expertise
11 to assist other communities around the world overcoming similar
12 challenges; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East-West Center is
15 requested through these collaborations to encourage state
16 leaders, subject matter experts, students, and others to
17 participate, learn, broaden their worldview, and build mutually
18 beneficial experiences and partnerships; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the
22 University of Hawaii System, and President of the East-West
23 Center.

