
SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
STATE AND THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to
2 cultivate meaningful relationships with countries and
3 governments to collaborate on solutions to shared challenges;
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6 WHEREAS, the State and the Kingdom of Norway share common
7 challenges as geographically distinct regions with unique
8 environmental, economic, and social concerns; and

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10 WHEREAS, both the State and Norway are deeply reliant on
11 their marine environments, with significant portions of their
12 economies and cultures tied to fisheries, aquaculture, and ocean
13 conservation; and

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15 WHEREAS, Norway has developed one of the world's most
16 sustainable and technologically advanced fishing and aquaculture
17 industries, offering valuable insights that could benefit
18 Hawaii's ongoing efforts to enhance its local seafood production
19 and marine resource management; and

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21 WHEREAS, both the State and Norway are at the forefront of
22 renewable energy development, with Hawaii committed to achieving
23 one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045 and Norway being a
24 global leader in hydropower, offshore wind energy, and electric
25 transportation; and

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27 WHEREAS, the State could benefit from Norway's expertise in
28 electric mobility, sustainable urban planning, and green energy
29 infrastructure, particularly in relation to integrating clean
30 energy into island-based economies; and

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32 WHEREAS, the State could further benefit from Norway's
33 approach to prisons and criminal justice, as a subject of
34 conversation and collaboration; and



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WHEREAS, tourism is a major economic driver for both Hawaii and Norway, and the two regions can exchange best practices in sustainable tourism management to balance economic growth with environmental preservation; and

WHEREAS, Norway has a strong tradition of Arctic and marine research that aligns with the State's research institutions' focus on oceanography, climate change, and marine biodiversity, creating opportunities for academic and scientific collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Norway has established a robust social safety net that provides comprehensive healthcare, education, and social welfare programs, serving as a model for policies that support quality of life and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, fostering a broader relationship between Hawaii and Norway would enhance cross-cultural understanding, facilitate economic and academic partnerships, and promote joint initiatives in renewable energy, ocean conservation, and sustainable development; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that this body supports and encourages a broader relationship between the State and the Kingdom of Norway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

