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SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII
AND NEW ZEALAND.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to
2 cultivate meaningful relationships with countries and
3 subnational governments to collaborate on solutions to shared
4 challenges; and

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6 WHEREAS, New Zealand is a Pacific island nation renowned
7 for its leadership in environmental sustainability, indigenous
8 rights, and disaster resilience; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii and New Zealand share similar challenges
11 and values, particularly concerning climate change,
12 conservation, and indigenous cultural preservation; and

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14 WHEREAS, New Zealand is a world leader in biosecurity,
15 having developed and implemented policies to combat invasive
16 species and prevent the introduction of new species into their
17 unique ecosystem; and

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19 WHEREAS, both Hawaii and New Zealand are particularly
20 vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including rising
21 sea levels, coastal erosion, and the increased frequency of
22 extreme weather events; and

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24 WHEREAS, New Zealand has pioneered innovative climate
25 change adaptation and mitigation strategies, including renewable
26 energy initiatives, carbon reduction policies, and nature-based
27 solutions that could serve as a model for Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, New Zealand has developed robust agricultural
30 practices that emphasize sustainability and food security that
31 could be beneficial to the State's local farming and food
32 production industries; and

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34 WHEREAS, both Hawaii and New Zealand place a strong
35 emphasis on indigenous cultural heritage, with Hawaii's Native
36 Hawaiian community and New Zealand's Maori population sharing a



1 commitment to language preservation, cultural revitalization,
2 and self-determination; and
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4 WHEREAS, New Zealand has successfully implemented policies
5 that integrate indigenous perspectives into governance, resource
6 management, and education, providing a valuable framework that
7 could inform Hawaii's efforts to empower Native Hawaiian voices
8 and initiatives; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii and New Zealand are both active
11 participants in Pacific regional organizations and initiatives
12 that promote sustainable development, economic cooperation, and
13 cultural exchange; and
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15 WHEREAS, fostering a broader relationship between Hawaii
16 and New Zealand would strengthen economic ties, enhance
17 knowledge-sharing, and promote collaboration on shared regional
18 and global challenges; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
22 that this body supports and encourages a broader relationship
23 between Hawaii and New Zealand; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of
27 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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OFFERED BY: 

