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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING INCREASED CAUTION CONCERNING FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN
HAWAII'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

1 WHEREAS, among the concerns raised by growing foreign
2 influence in the United States and Hawaii, protecting critical
3 infrastructure such as airports and transportation hubs,
4 freshwater systems, electrical grids, and telecommunications
5 networks has been identified by federal authorities as an urgent
6 security priority; and

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8 WHEREAS, these critical infrastructure systems are
9 essential to the State's local economy, public health and
10 safety, and overall stability, making them prime targets for
11 foreign interference; and

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13 WHEREAS, numerous federal agencies responsible for national
14 security have demonstrated that foreign governments, including
15 those of adversarial countries, are actively seeking ways to
16 access and control the United States' critical infrastructure;
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19 WHEREAS, foreign access to critical infrastructure may
20 allow malicious actors to disrupt essential services, steal
21 sensitive data, or compromise security; and

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23 WHEREAS, even allied countries may inadvertently or
24 intentionally exploit access to advance their own agendas, which
25 may be at odds with the interests of the United States and the
26 State, especially because the interests and leadership of these
27 countries may change rapidly; and

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29 WHEREAS, a cautious and strategic approach to foreign
30 investment and influence is therefore critical to safeguarding
31 the State's interests; and

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33 WHEREAS, by limiting foreign influence and strengthening
34 oversight of the State's critical infrastructure systems, the
35 State can ensure the resilience and security of its
36 infrastructure against evolving threats, preserve public trust,



1 guard national security, and protect its interests; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
6 that this body urges increased caution concerning foreign
7 influence in Hawaii's critical infrastructure; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
11 Transportation, and Attorney General.

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14 OFFERED BY: 

