
SENATE RESOLUTION

ENDORING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE
SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN AGREEMENT ON AVOIDANCE OF
DOUBLE TAXATION, AND COMMEMORATING THE SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by a
2 shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule
3 of law, and a free market economy; and
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5 WHEREAS, to further support and reinforce trading
6 partnerships, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st
7 Century Trade has reached an agreement to develop concrete
8 methods to deepen their economic and trade relationship, advance
9 mutual trade priorities based on shared values, and promote
10 innovative and inclusive economic growth for workers and
11 businesses, including through new trade agreements; and
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13 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade, the
14 government of Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign an
15 Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation with the United
16 States; and
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18 WHEREAS, the State and Taiwan have an established
19 sister-state relationship since 1993 that has developed an
20 enduring and mutually beneficial friendship, exemplified by the
21 Taiwan government's generous \$500,000 contribution to the State
22 in the aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires; and
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24 WHEREAS, in addition to the strong reciprocal trading
25 partnership, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and Taipei
26 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been working
27 together to promote substantial cooperation and exchanges in
28 areas of tourism, agriculture, culture, education, and sport;
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31 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
32 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international



1 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
2 language instruction; and

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4 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation as a critical
5 language and Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030, schools and
6 institutions of higher education in the State and Taiwan are
7 encouraged to enhance their exchanges, as exemplified by the
8 partnership between the University of Hawaii and National Tsing
9 Hua University; and

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11 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
12 change research, promoted disaster management exchange,
13 supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and worked with its
14 partners to tackle transnational crime; and

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16 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in bodies such
17 as the International Criminal Police Organization, United
18 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and
19 International Civil Aviation Organization would make
20 international mechanisms truly global; and

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22 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
23 participating in the International Civil Aviation Organization,
24 and International Criminal Police Organization and will continue
25 to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other
26 international organizations; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
30 that this body joins the United States to endorse the
31 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations
32 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil
33 Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
34 Organization; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the first
37 agreement under the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade,
38 and encourages the United States Trade Representative to
39 commence negotiations to enter into an Agreement on Avoidance of
40 Double Taxation with Taiwan; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commemorates the
2 State's thirty-third anniversary of sister-state relations with
3 Taiwan and supports mutual beneficial exchanges and cooperation
4 with Taiwan; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;
8 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; Speaker of
9 the United States House of Representatives; United States
10 Secretary of State; members of the State's congressional
11 delegation; Governor; and Director of Business, Economic
12 Development, and Tourism.

