
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, ENCOURAGING THE
SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN AGREEMENT ON AVOIDANCE OF
DOUBLE TAXATION, AND COMMEMORATING THE SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII 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 the economic and trade relationship of both
9 sides, advance mutual trade priorities based on shared values,
10 and promote innovative and inclusive economic growth for workers
11 and businesses; and
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13 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade and
14 investment, the government of Taiwan has expressed its desire to
15 sign an agreement on avoidance of double taxation with the
16 United States; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan have had a sister-state
19 relationship since 1993 that has developed an enduring and
20 mutually beneficial friendship, exemplified by the Taiwan
21 government's generous \$500,000 contribution to Hawaii in the
22 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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2 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
3 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
4 education and highlight Taiwan's role in providing Mandarin
5 language instruction; and
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7 WHEREAS, given the designation of Mandarin as a critical
8 language and Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030, schools and
9 institutions of higher education in Hawaii and Taiwan have
10 enhanced their exchanges; and
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12 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
13 change research, promoted disaster management exchange,
14 supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and worked with its
15 partners to tackle transnational crime; and
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17 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in bodies such
18 as the International Criminal Police Organization, United
19 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and
20 International Civil Aviation Organization would make
21 international mechanisms truly global; and
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23 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
24 participating in the International Civil Aviation Organization
25 and International Criminal Police Organization and will continue
26 to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other
27 international organizations; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that this body joins the United
32 States to endorse the participation of Taiwan as an observer in
33 the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
34 International Civil Aviation Organization, and International
35 Criminal Police Organization; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the United
38 States Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter
39 into an agreement on avoidance of double taxation with Taiwan;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commemorates the
2 State of Hawaii's thirty-third anniversary of sister-state
3 relations with Taiwan and supports mutually beneficial exchanges
4 and cooperation with Taiwan; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
8 Republic of China; President of the United States; President Pro
9 Tempore of the United States Senate; Speaker of the United
10 States House of Representatives; United States Secretary of
11 State; members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation; Governor;
12 and Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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