
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING THE LEGISLATURE'S COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE AS A
MEMBER LEGISLATURE IN THE PACIFIC INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
ASSEMBLY.

1 WHEREAS, the Pacific Islands Parliamentary Group was
2 established in 2019 by parliaments and legislative assemblies
3 across the Pacific region to strengthen inter-parliamentary
4 cooperation, facilitate the exchange of best legislative
5 practices, and support democratic institutions throughout
6 Oceania; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Legislature has participated in the Pacific
9 Islands Parliamentary Group since 2019, recognizing Hawai'i's
10 unique geographic, cultural, and historical ties to the peoples
11 and nations of the Pacific; and
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13 WHEREAS, in August 2025, member legislatures adopted
14 statutes establishing the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly
15 as the successor organization to the Pacific Islands
16 Parliamentary Group, expanding the framework for cooperation
17 among Pacific legislatures and formalizing its governance
18 structure as a regional association of Pacific parliaments and
19 legislative assemblies; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly seeks to
22 strengthen democratic governance, enhance legislative
23 cooperation, and provide a platform for Pacific legislatures to
24 collaborate on shared priorities, including climate resilience,
25 sustainable development, ocean stewardship, cultural
26 preservation, and economic resilience across the region; and
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28 WHEREAS, the vision of the Blue Pacific Continent reflects
29 a shared commitment among Pacific peoples to strengthen regional
30 solidarity, protect the Pacific Ocean, and advance a resilient
31 and prosperous future for the region; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's geographic location, indigenous heritage,
2 and longstanding cultural and historical connections across
3 Oceania position the State as a natural bridge between Pacific
4 Island nations and the United States, fostering dialogue,
5 partnership, and collaboration among Pacific legislatures; and
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7 WHEREAS, continued engagement in the Pacific Inter-
8 Parliamentary Assembly allows the Legislature to support
9 Pacific-led regional cooperation, exchange legislative
10 expertise, and elevate the voices and priorities of Pacific
11 communities in regional dialogue; and
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13 WHEREAS, the transition from the Pacific Islands
14 Parliamentary Group to the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly
15 requires participating legislatures to formally reaffirm their
16 membership under the newly established institutional framework;
17 now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2026, that this body reaffirms its commitment to participate
22 as a member legislature in the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary
23 Assembly; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that continued participation in
26 the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly will strengthen
27 parliamentary cooperation between Hawai'i and other Pacific
28 legislatures and advance shared priorities across the Pacific
29 region; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President of the
33 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; President of
34 the East-West Center; Chairman of the Board of the Pacific
35 Inter-Parliamentary Assembly; Secretariat of the Pacific Inter-
36 Parliamentary Assembly; and Parliament of French Polynesia.
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