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SENATE CONCURRENT 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



1 solidarity, protect the Pacific Ocean, and advance a resilient
2 and prosperous future for the region; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's geographic location, indigenous heritage,
5 and longstanding cultural and historical connections across
6 Oceania position the State as a natural bridge between Pacific
7 Island nations and the United States, fostering dialogue,
8 partnership, and collaboration among Pacific legislatures; and
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10 WHEREAS, continued engagement in the Pacific Inter-
11 Parliamentary Assembly allows the Legislature to support
12 Pacific-led regional cooperation, exchange legislative
13 expertise, and elevate the voices and priorities of Pacific
14 communities in regional dialogue; and
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16 WHEREAS, the transition from the Pacific Islands
17 Parliamentary Group to the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly
18 requires participating legislatures to formally reaffirm their
19 membership under the newly established institutional framework;
20 now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that this body reaffirms
25 its commitment to participate as a member legislature in the
26 Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that continued participation in
29 the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly will strengthen
30 parliamentary cooperation between Hawai'i and other Pacific
31 legislatures and advance shared priorities across the Pacific
32 region; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President
36 of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives;
37 President of the East-West Center; Chairman of the Board of the
38 Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly; Secretariat of the Pacific
39 Inter-Parliamentary Assembly; and Parliament of French
40 Polynesia.
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