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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  
11 Inter-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 continued participation in the  
29 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; and Pacific Islands  
39 Parliamentary Group Permanent Secretariat from the Assembly of  
40 French Polynesia.  
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