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# SENATE 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  
8 Inter-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 Senate of the Thirty-third  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
21 that this body reaffirms its commitment to participate as a  
22 member legislature in the Pacific Inter-Parliamentary Assembly;  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that continued participation in the  
26 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; and Pacific Islands Parliamentary  
36 Group Permanent Secretariat from the Assembly of French  
37 Polynesia.  
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