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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CONGRESS TO  
SUPPLY UKRAINE WITH THE WEAPONS NEEDED TO FULLY DEFEND  
ITSELF AGAINST RUSSIAN ATTACKS AND RETAKE ITS TERRITORY AS  
RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW.

1           WHEREAS, Ukraine declared independence from the Soviet  
2 Union on August 24, 1991; and

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4           WHEREAS, in 1994, Ukraine signed the Budapest Memorandum  
5 and relinquished its nuclear weapons in exchange for security  
6 guarantees from Russia, the United States, and United Kingdom;  
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9           WHEREAS, the United States and Ukraine have established  
10 diplomatic relations since Ukraine's independence from the  
11 Soviet Union; and

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13           WHEREAS, in 2014, Russia violated the Budapest Memorandum  
14 and seized the Crimea peninsula from Ukraine, and began  
15 incursions into Ukrainian territory in the Donbas region; and

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17           WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine in an  
18 attempt to extinguish Ukrainian independence, predicting that it  
19 would take mere weeks to conquer Ukraine; and

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21           WHEREAS, according to the United Nations, as of November  
22 2025, there have been 53,006 civilian casualties, including  
23 14,534 deaths, since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by  
24 Russia in 2022; and

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26           WHEREAS, according to the Center for Strategic  
27 International Studies, since 2022, Russian forces have suffered  
28 nearly 1,200,000 casualties; and

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30           WHEREAS, one third of Ukraine's population has been  
31 displaced, with as many as 1,600,000 Ukrainians forcibly  
32 transferred to Russian territories by Russian forces; and  
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1           WHEREAS, since 2022, Russia has captured twelve percent of  
2 Ukrainian land; and

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4           WHEREAS, according to the Center for Strategic  
5 International Studies, if current casualty rates continue, the  
6 combined Russian and Ukrainian casualties could reach two  
7 million by the spring of 2026; and

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9           WHEREAS, Russia's losses in Ukraine are five times higher  
10 than its total losses from all Russian and Soviet wars since  
11 World II combined, including the war in Afghanistan and two  
12 Chechen wars; and

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14           WHEREAS, Russia is deploying drones and bombs to destroy  
15 major power grids in Ukraine, leaving civilians with limited and  
16 sometimes no access to electricity, heating, or running water;  
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19           WHEREAS, Ukrainians are struggling to stay warm during the  
20 harsh winter; and

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22           WHEREAS, without the withdrawal or expulsion of Russian  
23 troops in Ukraine, the war, which has lasted four deadly years,  
24 will continue with no end in sight; and

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26           WHEREAS, the current aid provided by the United States to  
27 Ukraine has allowed the country to defend itself and launch a  
28 counteroffensive to retake territory from Russia while providing  
29 necessary humanitarian relief for Ukraine's population; now,  
30 therefore,

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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
34 that the President of the United States and Congress are  
35 requested to supply Ukraine with the weapons needed to fully  
36 defend itself against Russian attacks and retake its territories  
37 as recognized by international law; and

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39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Trump is urged to  
40 negotiate the withdrawal of all Russian forces from Ukraine; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body affirms support and  
2 solidarity with the free and independent people of Ukraine; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
6 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President  
7 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, members of the Hawaii  
8 congressional delegation, and Governor.  
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