
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO
HOSTILITIES IN IRAN.

1 WHEREAS, in February 2026, the United States initiated
2 Operation Epic Fury, which targeted high-ranking members of
3 Iran's government and military; and
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5 WHEREAS, thirteen United States soldiers have been killed
6 since the beginning of the conflict in Iran; and
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8 WHEREAS, the conflict has claimed the lives of 3,636
9 people, including 1,701 civilians; and
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11 WHEREAS, the United States has deployed approximately ten
12 thousand additional troops to the Middle East, increasing the
13 total number of United States troops deployed in the region to
14 over fifty thousand; and
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16 WHEREAS, the United States lacks coherent objectives and
17 has failed to provide a clearly defined timetable for its
18 ongoing participation in the conflict in Iran; and
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20 WHEREAS, the White House has declined to provide Congress
21 with an estimate of the current costs of the conflict, but
22 independent experts have provided an approximation of \$25
23 billion to \$35 billion; and
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25 WHEREAS, these direct financial costs, when averaged across
26 each household in the United States, total around \$260; and
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28 WHEREAS, the costs of the conflict for the United States
29 and its taxpayers will only grow as the conflict continues, with
30 the estimated daily costs totaling around \$2 billion and the
31 total potential costs reaching over \$1 trillion; and
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33 WHEREAS, the White House has requested \$1.5 trillion
34 dollars for defense in its budget request; and



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2 WHEREAS, the conflict has also incurred indirect costs to
3 the United States and the global economy, especially through the
4 closure of the Strait of Hormuz; and
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6 WHEREAS, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted
7 a critical trade route responsible for delivering approximately
8 twenty percent of the world's energy supply; and
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10 WHEREAS, recent reports indicate that China has also taken
11 steps to block transit around the Scarborough Shoal in the South
12 China Sea, a region through which roughly thirty percent of
13 global maritime commerce passes; and
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15 WHEREAS, these disruptions to global trade and energy
16 supplies have led to a thirty percent increase in the average
17 cost of gasoline in the United States; and
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19 WHEREAS, the average taxpayer in the United States paid
20 \$4,049 for war and weapons in 2025 and will likely pay more in
21 2026 if the conflict in Iran continues; and
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23 WHEREAS, the destabilizing effects of global conflict have
24 compounded the effects of tariffs enacted within the past year,
25 which have significantly disrupted local businesses and
26 negatively impacted the broader economy; and
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28 WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict in Iran and prior foreign
29 wars over the past fifty years have weakened the ability of the
30 United States to adequately fund domestic programs and services
31 that benefit residents; and
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33 WHEREAS, the loss of life, human suffering, and long-term
34 social and economic harms of armed conflict will continue to
35 proliferate without a permanent ceasefire and an end to
36 hostilities in Iran; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
39 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
40 that this body urges an immediate and permanent ceasefire and an
41 end to hostilities in Iran; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
3 Vice President of the United States, United States Secretary of
4 State, United States Secretary of Defense, and members of
5 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

