
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING UNITED STATES PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. AND THE
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO HOLD THE 2023
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUMMIT IN HONOLULU,
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a
2 regional economic forum established in 1989 that aims to create
3 greater prosperity for the people of the region by promoting
4 balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth
5 and by accelerating regional economic integration; and
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7 WHEREAS, APEC is the only international intergovernmental
8 grouping in the world committed to reducing barriers to trade
9 and investment without requiring its members to enter into
10 legally binding obligations, but endeavors to achieve its goals
11 by promoting dialogue and arriving at decisions on a consensus
12 basis, giving equal weight to the views of all members; and
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14 WHEREAS, APEC's twenty-one member economies, comprised of
15 Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic
16 of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea;
17 Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The
18 Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei;
19 Thailand; United States of America; and Vietnam, represent over
20 forty percent of the world's population and over fifty percent
21 of the world's trade; and
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23 WHEREAS, every year, one of the twenty-one APEC members
24 plays host to an APEC Summit and serves as the APEC Chair; and
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26 WHEREAS, the host economy for the APEC Summit is
27 responsible for chairing various meetings, including the annual
28 Economic Leaders' Meeting, selected ministerial meetings, senior



1 officials' meetings, the APEC Business Advisory Council, and the
2 APEC Study Centers Consortium; and

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4 WHEREAS, hosting the APEC Summit demonstrates the United
5 States' strong commitment to building and strengthening its
6 productive relationships with the members of APEC; and

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8 WHEREAS, it is of the utmost honor for a city to be chosen
9 as the hosting city of APEC's annual conference; and

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11 WHEREAS, the hosting city will also be given the tremendous
12 opportunity to establish positive and long-lasting relationships
13 with the attending APEC member economies and their people,
14 including thousands of diplomats, support staff, and media
15 members from around the world; and

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17 WHEREAS, the State is actively seeking to expand its
18 international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
19 friendship, goodwill, and economic and educational relations
20 between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asia-Pacific
21 regional economies; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State, which is renowned not only for its
24 hospitality grounded in the spirit of Aloha, natural beauty, and
25 mild weather, but also for its diverse ethnicities and consensus
26 building among multiple cultures, is situated at the
27 intersection of the twenty-one members of APEC and has
28 experience successfully hosting and accommodating numerous
29 international conferences, including the 2011 APEC Summit and
30 the World Conservation Congress of the International Union for
31 Conservation of Nature in 2016, is an ideal location to hold
32 APEC Summits; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
36 House of Representatives concurring, that United States
37 President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and the Asia-Pacific Economic
38 Cooperation are urged to hold the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic
39 Cooperation Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the



- 1 President of the United States; Governor; Director of Business,
- 2 Economic Development, and Tourism; Mayor of the City and County
- 3 of Honolulu; and Executive Director of the Asia-Pacific Economic
- 4 Cooperation Secretariat.

