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# 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 THE CITY AND  
COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF 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 Viet Nam, 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 APEC meetings (Summit) and serves as the APEC  
25 Chair; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the host economy for the APEC Summit is  
28 responsible for chairing various meetings, including the annual  
29 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 of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
18 its 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 of Hawaii, which is renowned not only  
24 for its hospitality grounded in the spirit of Aloha, natural  
25 beauty, and mild weather, but also for its diverse ethnicities  
26 and consensus building among multiple cultures; is situated at  
27 the 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 the City and County of Honolulu, State of  
40 Hawaii; and  
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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the  
3 President of the United States; Executive Director of the Asia-  
4 Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat; Governor; Director of  
5 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Mayor of the  
6 City and County of Honolulu.

