
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE STATE'S COLLABORATION WITH SISTER-STATES ON
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, subnational governments such as Hawaii are leading
2 the way on environmental issues such as pollution, conservation,
3 and climate change, and adopting policies that are far more
4 aggressive than those at the federal or national levels, which
5 are often tempered or prevented by international politics; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State is committed to the Under2 Coalition
8 Memorandum of Understanding, the United States Climate Alliance,
9 and the Paris Agreement; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Act 97, Session Laws of
12 2015, which set a goal for the State to achieve one hundred
13 percent renewable energy by 2045; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Act 15, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii 2018, which established a zero emissions clean economy
17 target, sequestering more carbon emissions than produced
18 annually by 2045; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Senate Concurrent
21 Resolution No. 69, Regular Session of 2014, which endorses and
22 supports the Aloha+ Challenge; and
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24 WHEREAS, countless other subnational governments are
25 working toward adopting similar goals and building clean
26 economies that will catalyze innovation, create new jobs, and
27 provide new opportunities for clean investment; and
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29 WHEREAS, global cooperation on environmental and climate
30 issues has strengthened, with nations and subnational
31 governments convening regularly to forge agreements, trade best



1 practices, and develop clean economic policies at opportunities
2 such as the United Nations Conference of the Parties; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been committed to achieving sustainable
5 development goals and is a member of the Local2030 Islands
6 Network; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii stands to benefit from global meetings by
9 learning about innovative solutions for climate change, building
10 a clean economy, and expanding environmental protections and
11 opportunities for the investment and creation of new jobs; now,
12 therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that this body encourages
17 the State's collaboration with Sister-States on global
18 environmental leadership; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a national leader on
21 environmental protection and climate change in the United
22 States, the State should engage in work with other subnational
23 and national governments on environmental and climate change
24 issues at global convenings such as the United Nations
25 Conference of the Parties and other similar opportunities for
26 collaboration; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
30 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

