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SUPPORT FOR HAWAII LONGSHORE

- WHEREAS: ninety-five percent of all consumer goods (cargo) are shipped to Hawaii via the Pacific Ocean. This is considered Hawaii's ocean highway and railway "lifeline" in order to supply and fulfill our daily needs to our population; and
- WHEREAS: currently Hawaii's ports and terminals are old, worn and outdated and we need the State of Hawaii's support to invest funds to upgrade and improve our statewide ports terminal infrastructure immediately; and
- WHEREAS: by improving our statewide port terminals infrastructure this will help the State of Hawaii handle the increase in future cargo handling capacity, create future economic growth and provide a safe working environment for our workforce; and
- WHEREAS: Hawaii's economy cannot afford to stay at the recession level of activity. Currently in Hawaii, the port capacity and congestion will not allow for more cargo to come into Hawaii and into our economy. Ports are congested with traffic; the containers are stacked at maximum capacity, which has led to a growing concern in the amount of accidents and injuries causing a loss of efficiency and productivity; and
- WHEREAS: as trade is increasingly important for the continued growth of the United States economy, the infrastructure needed to handle this trade through Hawaii's ports is not adequate. The consequence of not working towards infrastructural improvements will have real cost to our economy;
- THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: this Convention stands with the Hawaii Longshore Division in recognizing inaction or a delay of improving trade-related infrastructure would result in potential losses to Hawaii's GDP by \$60 billion within 20 years; and BE IT
- FINALLY
- RESOLVED: the ILWU continues its efforts in supporting the Hawaii Longshore Division in urging legislators, candidates and officials to move forward with the best

viable expansion that will strengthen Hawaii's harbor footprint, improve efficiency and boost the economy.

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