
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish an
2 office of international affairs to coordinate and promote
3 economic, social, cultural, and scientific relations with other
4 countries.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 **"§201- Office of international affairs; established.**

9 (a) There is established, within the department of business,
10 economic development, and tourism, an office of international
11 affairs. The office shall be responsible for issues relating to
12 peace, including the study of conditions conducive to domestic
13 and international peace.

14 (b) The office shall be headed by an executive director
15 who shall be appointed by the director of business, economic
16 development, and tourism, without regard to chapter 76. The
17 executive director may employ other personnel necessary to carry
18 out the duties of the office under this section.



- 1 (c) The office shall also:
- 2 (1) Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations
3 with other countries in the areas of international
4 business, economy, culture, and the arts;
- 5 (2) Develop policies that promote transportation between,
6 and tourism with, other countries;
- 7 (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications
8 and high technology exchanges;
- 9 (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city
10 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the
11 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,
12 and faith-based exchanges;
- 13 (5) Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,
14 commerce, transportation, banking, and tourism hub of
15 the Pacific;
- 16 (6) Develop an international affairs and peace education
17 curriculum that includes studies of international
18 affairs and peace initiatives that takes a proactive,
19 strategic approach in the development of policies that
20 promote the prevention of national and international
21 conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful



1 resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of
2 conflict; and

3 (7) Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii
4 and other nations to develop international and peace-
5 based initiatives."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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Office of International Affairs

Description:

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