
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SISTER-STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to statutorily
2 reestablish the process for initiating and maintaining sister-
3 state and sister province relationships as outlined by the
4 former state office of international relations in 1993.

5 SECTION 2. This Act shall be known as the "Sister-State
6 Act of 2006."

7 SECTION 3. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
8 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
9 as follows:

10 **"CHAPTER**

11 **SISTER-STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS**

12 § -1 **Definition.** For the purposes of this chapter,
13 unless the context otherwise requires, "sister-state or province
14 relationship" means a relationship between the State of Hawaii
15 and the state, province, prefecture, or similar governmental or
16 political subdivision of a foreign nation.

17 § -2 **Hawaii sister-state committee.** There shall be
18 established the Hawaii sister-state committee, to be placed



1 within the department of business, economic development, and
2 tourism for administrative purposes only, consisting of five
3 members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34.

4 The purpose of the committee shall be to advise the
5 governor and the legislature on matters relating to sister-state
6 or province relations, and relations in general, between the
7 State and the states or provinces of foreign countries. The
8 governor shall appoint seven members, one member from each of
9 seven lists of nominees submitted respectively by the following:

- 10 (1) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 11 (2) President of the senate;
- 12 (3) Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs;
- 13 (4) East-West center;
- 14 (5) Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;
- 15 (6) University of Hawaii; and
- 16 (7) Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts.

17 A chair and vice chair of the committee shall be appointed
18 by the committee members from amongst themselves. Members shall
19 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
20 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
21 their duties.



1 **§ -3 Initiating sister-state or province relationships.**

2 The Hawaii sister-state committee shall evaluate and develop
3 recommendations for the initiation of all sister-state or
4 province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
5 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
6 the recommendation to initiate a sister-state or province
7 relationship by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by
8 enacting session law to that effect.

9 **§ -4 Maintaining sister-state or province relationships.**

10 The Hawaii sister-state or province committee shall periodically
11 evaluate established sister-state relationships and forward its
12 recommendations on maintaining sister-state or province
13 relationships to the governor and to the legislature.

14 **§ -5 Dissolving sister-state or province relationships.**

15 The Hawaii sister-state or province committee may make a
16 recommendation to terminate a sister-state relationship it deems
17 to be defunct, moribund, or not beneficial and forward its
18 recommendation to the legislature. The legislature, if it so
19 chooses, shall implement the recommendation to terminate a
20 sister-state or province relationship either by adopting a
21 concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that
22 effect."



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Sister-state or Province Relationships; Statutory Authority

Description:

Statutorily establishes a Hawaii sister-state committee to recommend sister-state or province relationships for the legislature's action. (SB3192 HD1)

