
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.

12 (b) The office shall:

13 (1) Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations
14 with other countries in the areas of international
15 business, economy, culture, and the arts;

16 (2) Develop policies that promote transportation between,
17 and tourism with, other countries;



- 1 (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications
2 and high technology exchanges;
- 3 (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city
4 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the
5 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,
6 and faith-based exchanges;
- 7 (5) Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,
8 commerce, transportation, banking, and tourism hub of
9 the Pacific;
- 10 (6) Develop an international affairs and peace education
11 curriculum that includes studies of international
12 affairs and peace initiatives and takes a proactive,
13 strategic approach to the development of policies that
14 promote the prevention of national and international
15 conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful
16 resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of
17 conflict; and
- 18 (7) Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii
19 and other nations to develop international and
20 peace-based initiatives.
- 21 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any
22 of the responsibilities or duties of the office of international

1 affairs under this section overlap with the responsibilities or
2 duties of another agency or authority under this chapter, the
3 office of international affairs shall have exclusive
4 jurisdiction and authority over those responsibilities and
5 duties."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



Report Title:

Office of International Affairs

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Description:

Establishes an Office of International Affairs to coordinate and promote peace through improved economic, social, cultural, and scientific relations with other countries. (HB1889 CD1)

