
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, and to name the office of international affairs after
5 Representative Heléne Hale for her abiding dedication to this
6 endeavor.

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

10 "§201- Office of international affairs; established.

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

17 (b) The office shall be headed by an executive director
18 who shall be appointed by the director of business, economic



1 development, and tourism, without regard to chapter 76. The
2 executive director may employ other personnel necessary to carry
3 out the duties of the office under this section.

4 (c) The office shall also:

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

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

10 (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications
11 and high technology exchanges;

12 (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city
13 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the
14 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,
15 and faith-based exchanges;

16 (5) Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,
17 commerce, transportation, banking, and tourism hub of
18 the Pacific;

19 (6) Develop an international affairs and peace education
20 curriculum that includes studies of international
21 affairs and peace initiatives that takes a proactive,
22 strategic approach in the development of policies that



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Report Title:

Office of International Affairs

Description:

Establishes the Heléne Hale Office of International Affairs to coordinate and promote peace through improved economic, social, cultural, and scientific relations with other countries. (SD1)

