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

17 (c) The office shall:



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



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

4 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any
5 of the responsibilities or duties of the office of international
6 affairs under this section overlap with the responsibilities or
7 duties of another agency or authority under this chapter, the
8 office of international affairs shall have exclusive
9 jurisdiction and authority over those responsibilities and
10 duties."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Office of International Affairs

Description:

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

