
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
3 sister-state and sister-province relationships as outlined by
4 the state office of international relations in 1993.

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

8 **"CHAPTER**

9 **SISTER-STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS**

10 § -1 **Short title.** This chapter shall be known as the
11 Sister-State Act of 2006.

12 § -2 **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 or province or similar governmental or political
16 subdivision of a foreign nation.

17 § -3 **Hawaii sister-state committee.** There is
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 governor shall appoint five members, one member from each of
5 five lists of nominees submitted respectively by the following:

- 6 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives;
- 7 (2) The president of the senate;
- 8 (3) A Native Hawaiian cultural organization;
- 9 (4) The East-West Center; and
- 10 (5) The Hawaii State Association of Counties.

11 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
12 for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the
13 performance of their duties.

14 **§ -4 Initiating sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii
15 sister-state committee shall evaluate and develop
16 recommendations for the initiation of all sister-state or
17 province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
18 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
19 the recommendation to initiate a sister-state or province
20 relationship either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by
21 enacting a law to that effect.

1 § **-5 Maintaining sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii
2 sister-state committee shall periodically evaluate established
3 sister-state relationships and forward its recommendations on
4 maintaining sister-state relationships to the governor and to
5 the legislature.

6 § **-6 Dissolving sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii
7 sister-state committee may make a recommendation to terminate a
8 sister-state relationship it deems to be defunct, moribund, or
9 not beneficial, and forward its recommendation to the
10 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
11 the recommendation to terminate a sister-state relationship
12 either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting a law
13 to that effect."

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Sister-State Relationships; Statutory Authority

Description:

Statutorily establishes a Hawaii sister-state committee to recommend sister-state or sister-province relationships for the legislature's action. (SD1)

