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S.B. NO. 2068

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 an office of international affairs
10 within the department of business, economic development, and
11 tourism. The office shall be responsible for issues relating to
12 promoting and strengthening relations with other countries and
13 other duties as provided in this chapter.

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



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



1 resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of
2 conflict; and

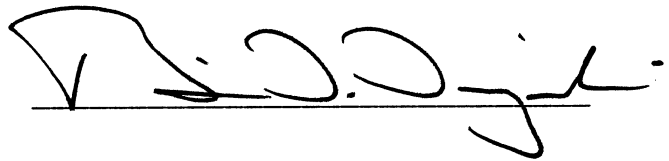
3 (7) Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii
4 and other nations to develop international and peace-
5 based initiatives."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



SB2069

Report Title:

Office of International Affairs

Description:

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

