
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SISTER STATE/PROVINCE PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In 1981, a sister state-prefecture relationship
2 was created between Hawaii and Fukuoka, Japan, which initiated
3 an international air route that directly connected the
4 prefecture with the State. Since then, numerous cultural,
5 educational, and economic exchanges have taken place. In 1996,
6 the State and Fukuoka entered into an exchange agreement, which
7 assigned an official from Fukuoka to the office of the governor
8 to study the State's governmental structure, assist in Japanese-
9 English translations, and assist the legislature in protocol
10 matters, while Fukuoka hosted an official from Hawaii in return.

11 In commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
12 sister state/prefecture agreement between Hawaii and Fukuoka,
13 the Hawaii chapter of the Fukuoka Kenjin Kai plans to present a
14 ceremonial gift on behalf of the State to Fukuoka. There are
15 plans for celebratory receptions in Fukuoka in connection with
16 the department of business, economic development, and tourism's
17 plans for a trade exposition in May and the Fukuoka prefectural
18 government's plans for an educational and cultural event in



1 September to kick off the 2007 multi-country and multi-city
2 Hokuleia canoe voyage.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to be used
4 for a ceremonial presentation gift commemorating the
5 twenty-fifth anniversary of the Hawaii-Fukuoka sister state
6 agreement and to assist in funding either or both celebratory
7 receptions planned in Fukuoka during May and September.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500, or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for a
11 ceremonial presentation gift commemorating the twenty-fifth
12 anniversary of the sister state agreement between Hawaii and
13 Fukuoka.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
17 support either or both celebratory receptions planned in Fukuoka
18 during May and September.

19 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the

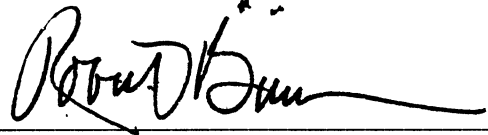


1 department of business, economic development, and tourism for
2 the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY:



SB. NO. 3139

Report Title:

Hawaii/Fukuoka Sister State Agreement; Appropriation

Description:

Provides funds for a ceremonial presentation gift commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Hawaii/Fukuoka sister state agreement. Provides funds for either or both celebratory receptions planned in Fukuoka during May and September.

