
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 sister
3 state and sister province relationships as outlined by the
4 former 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 **Definition.** For the purposes of this chapter,
11 unless the context otherwise requires, "sister state or province
12 relationship" means a relationship between the State of Hawaii
13 and the state or province or similar governmental or political
14 subdivision of a foreign nation.

15 § -2 **Hawaii sister state committee.** There shall be
16 established the Hawaii sister state committee, to be placed
17 within the department of business, economic development, and



1 tourism for administrative purposes only, consisting of five
2 members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34.

3 The purpose of the committee shall be to advise the
4 governor and the legislature on matters relating to sister state
5 or province relations and relations, in general, between the
6 State and the states or provinces of foreign countries. The
7 governor shall appoint five members, one member from each of
8 five lists of nominees submitted respectively by the following:

- 9 (1) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 10 (2) President of the senate;
- 11 (3) Native Hawaiian cultural organization;
- 12 (4) East-West Center; and
- 13 (5) Hawaii State Association of Counties.

14 A chair and vice chair of the committee shall be appointed
15 by the committee members from among themselves. Members shall
16 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
17 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
18 their duties.

19 **§ -3 Initiating sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii
20 sister state committee shall evaluate and develop
21 recommendations for the initiation of all sister state or
22 province relationships and forward its recommendation to the



1 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
2 the recommendation to initiate a sister state or province
3 relationship by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by
4 enacting session law to that effect.

5 **§ -4 Maintaining sister state relationships.** The Hawaii
6 sister state committee shall periodically evaluate established
7 sister state relationships and forward its recommendations on
8 maintaining sister state relationships to the governor and to
9 the legislature.

10 **§ -5 Dissolving sister state relationships.** The Hawaii
11 sister state committee may make a recommendation to terminate a
12 sister state relationship it deems to be defunct, moribund, or
13 not beneficial and forward its recommendation to the
14 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
15 the recommendation to terminate a sister state relationship
16 either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting
17 session law to that effect."

18 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 province relationships for the legislature's action. (CD1)

