

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3192

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3192 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SISTER STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Hawaii Sister State Committee to recommend sister state or province relationships to the Legislature for further action.

The University of Hawaii submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure increases the oversight of Hawaii's Sister State program by establishing a Sister State Committee to evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of all sister state or province relationships. This strengthens Hawaii's Sister State program and increases the program's benefits to our State.

Upon further consideration, your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Substituting a nominee from the East-West Center as a member on the Hawaii Sister State Committee in lieu of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;



- (2) Adding a nominee from a Native Hawaiian cultural organization as a member on the Hawaii Sister State Committee; and
- (3) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3192, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy,
Environment, and International
Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



