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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GLOBAL YOUTH CENTER IN HAWAII.

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

SECTION 1. World peace is a major collaborative goal and 1 2 youth are the key to attaining world peace, sustainability, and productivity for future generations. Hawaii's location at the 3 center of the Pacific Rim region between Asia and the Americas, 4 its diverse culture, and its many shared languages provide an 5 excellent strategic forum for meetings and exchanges, as 6 demonstrated by the Millennium Youth People's Congress that was 7 8 held in Hawaii in October 1999.

The creation of a Global Youth Center in Hawaii presents a 9 10 unique opportunity for generating a truly international 11 framework through which youth around the world could become actively engaged in the construction of a better future. It 12 offers youth from around the world an opportunity to identify 13 14 what they see as the major global issues to be addressed and will train these future leaders to more effectively communicate 15 their concerns so that they can help shape the debate over 16 issues that will directly affect them. 17



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The Global Youth Center will develop educational programs, 1 2 conduct original research, and link diverse people and 3 organizations to address some of the problems faced by the The Global Youth Center will work in conjunction with 4 world. Hawaii educational, political, and business leaders, and 5 representatives at the East-West Center, the International 6 7 Student/Young Pugwash, and the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. It will serve as a clearinghouse for 8 information on youth policy activities internationally. 9

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$140,040, or so much 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the 13 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 14 2008-2009, for the establishment of a Global Youth Center in 15 Hawaii.

16 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the17 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title: Appropriation; Global Youth Center

**Description:** Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish a Global Youth Center in Hawaii.

