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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A GLOBAL YOUTH CENTER.

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

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

9           The purpose of this Act is to establish a global youth  
10 center in Hawaii under the University of Hawaii.

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart M, to be  
13 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

14           "§304A- Global youth center; establishment. (a) There  
15 is established a global youth center under the University of  
16 Hawaii. The purpose of the global youth center shall be to  
17 generate and link an international framework in which youth from



1 around the world may become actively engaged in the attainment  
2 of world peace, environmental sustainability, and human and  
3 economic productivity for future generations.

4 (b) The global youth center shall:

5 (1) Provide youth from around the world an opportunity to  
6 identify major global issues that will directly affect  
7 their generation and future generations and that need  
8 to be presently addressed;

9 (2) Train youth to become future leaders by providing  
10 training in effective communications of their concerns  
11 and in facilitation of the debate on global issues  
12 referenced under paragraph (1);

13 (3) Develop educational programs on global issues  
14 referenced under paragraph (1);

15 (4) Conduct original research on global issues referenced  
16 under paragraph (1);

17 (5) Bring together various people and organizations that  
18 are diverse in order to address world problems,  
19 including but not limited to, peace, hunger,  
20 environmental protection, and public health; and



1        (6) Serve as an international clearinghouse for  
2                    information on policies affecting youth around the  
3                    world.

4        (c) For purposes of subsections (a) and (b), the global  
5 youth center shall collaborate with Hawaii's leaders in  
6 education, politics, business, the East-West Center, and  
7 appropriate international organizations."

8        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Global Youth Center

**Description:**

Establishes a global youth center under the University of Hawaii.

