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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish the  
2 statewide interfaith steering committee to develop and promote  
3 interfaith activities to promote relations between various  
4 religious faiths.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
7 and to read as follows:

8           "§201-    Statewide interfaith steering committee.   (a)

9           There is established a statewide interfaith steering committee  
10 to be attached to the department of business, economic  
11 development, and tourism for administrative purposes. The  
12 steering committee shall develop and promote interfaith  
13 activities in Hawaii and promote Hawaii as the world interfaith  
14 harmony capital. The steering committee shall explore the  
15 possibility of organizing a major international interfaith  
16 conference in Hawaii to take place by 2011.



1        (b) The members of the steering committee shall be made up  
2 of representatives of various religious and interfaith  
3 organizations and groups. The steering committee shall seek to  
4 have a representative or representatives from each religious and  
5 interfaith organization or group existing in Hawaii, including  
6 but not limited to:

- 7        (1) Baha'i;
- 8        (2) Buddhism;
- 9        (3) Christianity;
- 10       (4) Church Women United;
- 11       (5) Confucianism;
- 12       (6) Daoism;
- 13       (7) Hawaiian Spirituality;
- 14       (8) Hinduism;
- 15       (9) Islam;
- 16       (10) Knights of Columbus;
- 17       (11) Jainism;
- 18       (12) Judaism;
- 19       (13) Mokichi Okada Association;
- 20       (14) Native Americans;
- 21       (15) Church of Perfect Liberty;
- 22       (16) Quakers;



- 1        (17) Risshio Kosei Kai;
- 2        (18) Salvation Army;
- 3        (19) Seichi-No Ie;
- 4        (20) Shinnyo-En;
- 5        (21) Shinto;
- 6        (22) Sikhism;
- 7        (23) Sufism;
- 8        (24) Unitarian Universalism;
- 9        (25) Unity;
- 10       (26) Zoroastrianism;
- 11       (27) All Believers Network;
- 12       (28) The Interfaith Alliance; and
- 13       (29) The Open Table.

14       (c) The steering committee shall select a chairperson from  
15 amongst its members.

16       (d) Members of the steering committee shall serve without  
17 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
18 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

19       (e) The steering committee shall be exempt from chapter  
20 92; provided that the steering committee shall make a good faith  
21 effort to make its proceedings and work products accessible and



1 available to the general public in a manner consistent with the  
2 intent of chapter 92.

3 (f) The steering committee shall terminate on June 30,  
4 2011."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
9 establishing and operating the statewide interfaith steering  
10 committee.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
13 this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.  
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**Report Title:**

Statewide Interfaith Steering Committee; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the statewide interfaith steering committee to develop and promote interfaith activities. Appropriates funds for this purpose.

