
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE INTERFAITH STEERING
COMMITTEE.

1 WHEREAS, much of the violence in the world arises out of
2 conflict and misunderstanding between different religious
3 faiths; and
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5 WHEREAS, an effective means for minimizing
6 misunderstandings between different religious faiths is to
7 promote open channels of communication between the various
8 religious faiths; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Council for a Parliament of World's Religions
11 is having its quintennial meeting in Sydney, Australia in
12 December of 2009, which will have an estimated eight to twelve
13 thousand participants; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature has received proposals for
16 pursuing a similar meeting of religious scholars and leaders in
17 Hawaii in 2011; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
23 establish the statewide interfaith steering committee; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
26 statewide interfaith steering committee be made up of
27 representatives of the various religious and interfaith
28 organizations and groups existing in Hawaii, including but not
29 limited to: Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Church Women
30 United, Confucianism, Daoism, Hawaiian Spirituality, Hinduism,
31 Islam, Knights of Columbus, Jainism, Judaism, Mokichi Okada
32 Association, Native Americans, Church of Perfect Liberty,



1 Quakers, Risshio Kosei Kai, the Salvation Army, Seichi-No Ie,
2 Shinnyo-En, Shinto, Sikhism, Sufism, Unitarian Universalism,
3 Unity, Zoroastrianism, All Believers Network, the Interfaith
4 Alliance, and the Open Table; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the statewide
7 interfaith steering committee are requested to select a
8 chairperson from amongst its members; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the statewide
11 interfaith steering committee shall be to develop and promote
12 interfaith activities to further relations between various
13 religious faiths; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide interfaith
16 steering committee is requested to explore the possibility of
17 organizing a major international interfaith conference in Hawaii
18 to take place by 2011; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
21 statewide interfaith steering committee be terminated on
22 June 30, 2011; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to representatives of the
26 following religious and interfaith groups and organizations:
27 Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Church Women United,
28 Confucianism, Daoism, Hawaiian Spirituality, Hinduism, Islam,
29 Knights of Columbus, Jainism, Judaism, Mokichi Okada
30 Association, Native Americans, Church of Perfect Liberty,
31 Quakers, Risshio Kosei Kai, the Salvation Army, Seichi-No Ie,
32 Shinnyo-En, Shinto, Sikhism, Sufism, Unitarian Universalism,
33 Unity, Zoroastrianism, All Believers Network, the Interfaith
34 Alliance, and the Open Table.

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