
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Business, Economic
22 Development, and Tourism is requested to establish the statewide
23 interfaith steering committee; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
26 the 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,
33 Quakers, Risshio Kosei Kai, the Salvation Army, Seichi-No Ie,
34 Shinnyo-En, Shinto, Sikhism, Sufism, Unitarian Universalism,



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1 Unity, Zoroastrianism, All Believers Network, the Interfaith
2 Alliance, and the Open Table; and

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

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
9 the purpose of the statewide interfaith steering committee be to
10 develop and promote interfaith activities to further relations
11 between various religious faiths; and

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

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
19 the statewide interfaith steering committee be terminated on
20 June 30, 2011; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
24 Development, and Tourism, who in turn is requested to transmit
25 copies to representatives of each of the faiths and
26 organizations to be invited to serve on the steering committee.

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