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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROTOCOL

6 "§ -1 Legislative protocol fund; international affairs.

7 (a) There is established a legislative protocol fund to be  
8 administered by the legislature.

9 (b) Appropriations made by the legislature shall be  
10 deposited into the fund.

11 (c) The fund shall be used to extend protocol courtesies  
12 to visiting international dignitaries and government officials."

13 SECTION 2. Section 201-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "[+]§201-17[+] Office of international affairs;

16 established. (a) There is established, within the department



1 of business, economic development, and tourism, an office of  
2 international affairs.

3 (b) The office shall:

- 4 (1) Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations  
5 with other countries in the areas of international  
6 business, economy, culture, education, and the arts;
- 7 (2) Develop policies that promote transportation between,  
8 and tourism with, other countries;
- 9 (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications  
10 and high technology exchanges;
- 11 (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city  
12 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the  
13 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,  
14 and faith-based exchanges;
- 15 (5) Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,  
16 commerce, transportation, banking, [~~and~~] tourism,  
17 regional-headquarters, and international-conference  
18 hub of the [~~Pacific~~] Asia-Pacific region;
- 19 (6) Develop an international affairs and peace education  
20 curriculum that includes studies of international  
21 affairs and peace initiatives and takes a proactive,  
22 strategic approach to the development of policies that



1 promote the prevention of national and international  
2 conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful  
3 resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of  
4 conflict; [~~and~~]

5 (7) Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii  
6 and other nations to develop international and peace-  
7 based initiatives[~~-~~];

8 (8) Be the state's central point of contact and  
9 accountability in international affairs and serve as  
10 the state's advocate for a global orientation;

11 (9) Inventory existing international programs and develop  
12 a web-based information portal to make this  
13 information available to the public;

14 (10) Encourage the holding of international conferences in  
15 Hawaii;

16 (11) Encourage the development of international programming  
17 and content on local radio shows and a dedicated  
18 public access channel for international programs and  
19 issues; and

20 (12) Encourage the holding of international sporting events  
21 and competitions in Hawaii.



1        [~~(c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any~~  
2        ~~of the responsibilities or duties of the office of international~~  
3        ~~affairs under this section overlap with the responsibilities or~~  
4        ~~duties of another agency or authority under this chapter, the~~  
5        ~~office of international affairs shall have exclusive~~  
6        ~~jurisdiction and authority over those responsibilities and~~  
7        ~~duties.] "~~

8        SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9        revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
10       much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to  
11       hire an executive director and an administrative assistant for  
12       the office of international affairs and for operating and  
13       program expenses.

14       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15       business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
16       this Act.

17       SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18       and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



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**Report Title:**

Office of International Affairs; Protocol Fund

**Description:**

Expands the scope of the Office of International Affairs (OIA).  
Establishes the Legislative Protocol Fund. Appropriates funds  
for the OIA. (SB520 HD1)

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