



GOV. MSG. NO. 681

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 29, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith HB2045 SD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

HB2045 SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ESTABLISHING  
A GLOBAL YOUTH CENTER.

Sincerely,

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2045

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 2045, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Establishing a Global Youth Center."

The purpose of this bill is to establish a Global Youth Center in the University of Hawaii. The purpose of the Center is to generate and link an international framework in which youth from around the world will actively engage in the attainment of world peace, environmental sustainability, and human and economic productivity for future generations. These youth shall, pursuant to the provisions of the bill, "collaborate with Hawaii's leaders in education, politics, business, the East-West Center, and appropriate international organizations."

The goals of the Global Youth Center proposed in this bill are commendable. However, after reviewing this measure in consideration with existing programs and resources, I cannot approve this bill.

Global Youth Center Inc. is a non-profit entity registered with the State of Hawaii and is awaiting final approval of their non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service. Embedding a non-profit organization within a State agency raises the possibility of violating that portion of the

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State ethics law (HRS 84-3 and 84-13) and the published State Ethics Code (revised January 2007), which states, "You may not use state time, equipment, or facilities for private business purposes, including for-profit and non-profit corporations." Global Youth Center Inc. currently occupies office space in a building located on land owned by the University of Hawaii. This bill does not address whether employees of the Global Youth Center will be employees of the State and bound by applicable laws including collective bargaining, civil service, and the procurement code.

The University of Hawaii testified that they had concerns with the cost impact and placement of this program in the University. This bill does not address those concerns and provides no funding or administrative support to the University. The University of Hawaii identified its budget priorities as approved by the Board of Regents, and the Global Youth Center was not included as a priority. Further, the University of Hawaii was not involved in the planning process for the Center.

I encourage Global Youth Center Inc. to continue pursuing status as a non-profit registered in the State. Upon receiving final approval as a non-profit from the Internal Revenue Service, Global Youth Center Inc. can pursue appropriate State support through the Grant-in-Aid process.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No.  
2045 without my approval.

Respectfully,

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LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008  
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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 at the University of Hawaii the global youth  
16 center. 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 and address major global issues that will  
7 directly affect their generation and future  
8 generations;

9 (2) Prepare 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 (3) Develop educational programs on global issues;

13 (4) Conduct original research on global issues;

14 (5) Bring together diverse people and organizations to  
15 address world problems, including peace, hunger,  
16 environmental protection, and public health; and

17 (6) Serve as an international clearinghouse for  
18 information on policies affecting youth around the  
19 world.

20 (c) For purposes of this section, the global youth center  
21 shall collaborate with Hawaii's leaders in education, politics,



1 business, the East-West Center, and appropriate international  
2 organizations."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

