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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 This Act is consistent with the bylaws of the Global Youth
10 Center, Inc., and Global Youth Center of Hawaii, and with the
11 vision statement of a major Global Youth Center contributor, the
12 International Student/Young Pugwash, to address our global
13 society threats from nuclear weapons and nuclear proliferation,
14 as well as social, economic, and environmental problems that put
15 human security at risk. This Act is further consistent with the
16 vision to effectively address our global society threats from
17 international conflict and violence. New tools and methods need



1 to be developed with an interdisciplinary framework to actively
2 search for and realize sustainable and equitable solutions. To
3 this end, the people of the world, particularly youth, must
4 learn to think and act collaboratively in new ways.

5 The purpose of this Act is to establish a global youth
6 center in Hawaii under the University of Hawaii.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9 and to read as follows:

10 "§304A- Global youth center; establishment. (a) There
11 is established a global youth center within and in collaboration
12 with the University of Hawaii. The global youth center is
13 established for educational purposes, to support collaboration
14 linking Hawaii youth with people around the world, working
15 together to discover creative ways to develop the global future,
16 and help shape a more peaceful and healthier earth. The global
17 youth center shall generate and link an international framework
18 in which youth from around the world may become actively engaged
19 in the attainment of world peace, environmental sustainability,
20 and human and economic productivity for future generations.



1 (b) The global youth center shall support collaboration
2 between Hawaii and international youth in order to empower and
3 train them to accomplish the following goals:

4 (1) Identify and address major global issues that will
5 directly affect their generation and future
6 generations and that need to be presently addressed;

7 (2) Develop and utilize youth leadership potential
8 worldwide;

9 (3) Interact directly with policy decision makers and
10 public opinion makers;

11 (4) Develop and lead partnership projects that positively
12 impact communities and people locally and worldwide;

13 (5) Train youth to become future leaders by providing
14 training in effective communications of their concerns
15 and in facilitation of the debate on global issues
16 referenced under paragraph (1);

17 (6) Develop educational programs on global issues
18 referenced under paragraph (1);

19 (7) Conduct original research on global issues referenced
20 under paragraph (1);

21 (8) Bring together various people and organizations that
22 are diverse in order to address world problems,



Report Title:

Global Youth Center

Description:

Establishes a global youth center under the University of Hawaii.

