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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
21 House of Representatives 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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