



TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2321, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: Monday, January 28, 2008 **TIME:** 8:30 AM

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Chair Cabanilla and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General takes no position on this measure but notes that the bill has a constitutional flaw in that the title of the bill is "Relating to the Office of International Relations" but the subject of the bill is a statute relating to the Office of International Affairs.

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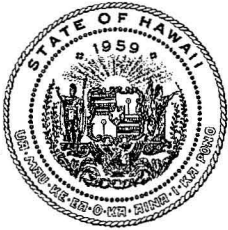
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Statement of
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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Monday, January 28, 2008

8:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

in consideration of

HB 2321

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Awana and Members of the House Committee on

International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the concept of HB 2321, which establishes a peace mission committee within the Office of International Affairs (OIA) of DBEDT and appropriates funds for the committee's activities and programs. There have been many good ideas introduced this legislative session that support the State's economic development goals. We hope the legislature will see it fit to support, pass and fund these ideas, together with the priorities of the Executive's Supplemental Budget.

DBEDT, through the OIA, has placed a high priority on implementing the Hawaii Global Links program, the objective of which is to prepare Hawaii's residents for the global economy.

The OIA emphasizes international trade, cultural and educational exchange activities, all which

lead to the better understanding of other people and cultures. Through the interchange of people, products and ideas, international peace based activities would be a natural outgrowth. The proposed peace mission committee and funding of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2008-2009, as specified in the bill, would be instrumental in helping the OIA to expand its existing business, cultural and educational priorities to include peace initiatives and activities. Without this funding, DBEDT is unable to expand beyond what it is currently doing with regards to the OIA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2008

Committee: House International Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: H.B. No. 2321, Relating to the Office of International Relations

Purpose: Establishes a peace mission committee within the Office of International Affairs to plan and implement peace missions to other nations and organizations.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports the Bill to include the development of an international affairs and peace education curriculum but urges that any curriculum be developmentally appropriate and standards-based.

The Department defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the identified expending agency, as to funding priority.



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TESTIMONY FOR
HB#2321
International Affairs Committee Hearing
Monday, January 28, 2008
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The United Nations Association (UNA) – Hawaii division is writing in support of HB#2321 to establish a peace mission committee within the Office of International affairs.

In these times of crisis, peace initiatives are imperative.

Your support for HB #2321 is most appreciated.

“The time is right and the place is right.”

Mahalo, Joanne Tachibana, President
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Rep. Rida T.R. Cabanilla, Chair
Rep. Karen Leinani Awana, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, January 28, 2008
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Mahalo e malama pono,

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"Conserving the Future by Recycling the Past"

Rep. Rida T.R. Cabanilla, Chair
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Monday, January 25, 2008

I support HB 2321 Relating to the Office of International Relations.

Establishes a peace mission committee within the office of international affairs to plan and implement peace missions to other nations and organizations.

More than ever, historically this is a time where the nurturing of common goals of peace need to be developed in human relationships, between cities, states, and other nations towards building global cultures of peace. The State has taken the responsibility upon itself as legislative acts to commemorate Peace Day in September of every year. It has developed an Office of International Relations in which one of its primary duties is (Section 1b-6) "Develop an international affairs and peace education curriculum that includes studies of international affairs and peace initiatives" in a proactive manner. This bill puts the walk into the talk of Hawaii state legislators and will likewise bring nation-wide and world-wide attention to the peace and aloha culture of Hawaii. Adding this peace mission committee will bring good will to others and in return put Hawaii on the global map, increasing its visibility in the most positive way. Providing an active agenda for this peace mission committee will improve the economy and also the visibility of the University of Hawaii student exchange programs.

I urge you to pass and fund HB 2321!

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