
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SISTER STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER STATE OR
PROVINCE RELATIONSHIP WITH LORRAINE, FRANCE.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006
2 (Act 150), the Hawaii Sister State Committee (Committee) was
3 established within the Department of Business, Economic
4 Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes, to advise
5 the Governor and the Legislature on matters relating to sister
6 state or province relations and relations, in general, between
7 the State and the states or provinces of foreign countries; and
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9 WHEREAS, codified in part as section 229-3, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, Act 150 requires the Committee to "evaluate and
11 develop recommendations for the initiation of all sister state
12 or province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
13 legislature"; and
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15 WHEREAS, Act 150 also provides that "[t]he Legislature, if
16 it so chooses, shall implement the recommendation [of the
17 Committee] to initiate a sister state or province relationship
18 by either adopting a resolution or by enacting session law to
19 that effect"; and
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21 WHEREAS, a strong bond of friendship has existed between
22 the people of Bruyeres, France, and the people of Hawaii since
23 1944; and
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25 WHEREAS, this bond of friendship has its roots in the
26 liberation of Bruyeres from Nazi rule by the American forces
27 during World War II; and
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29 WHEREAS, many sons of Hawaii, serving with the 100th
30 Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Infantry Regiment, sacrificed
31 their lives as members of this liberating force; and
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1 WHEREAS, the people of Bruyeres have held annual memorial
2 services to honor the liberators who fought so well in the cause
3 of freedom and peace; and
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5 WHEREAS, the people of Bruyeres have suggested a further
6 means of strengthening this bond of friendship by entering into
7 a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu;
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10 WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolution No. 342 by the
11 Honolulu City Council on November 1, 1960, this sister city
12 relationship has been in existence for the past 49 years; and
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14 WHEREAS, as part of the Committee's deliberation on
15 evaluating the feasibility of extending sister state and
16 province relationships with similar governmental or political
17 subdivisions of foreign nations, the Legislature believes it is
18 fitting for the Committee to consider extending this
19 relationship with Bruyeres, France; and
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21 WHEREAS, the town of Bruyeres is located in the region of
22 Lorraine; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2009, that the Legislature requests the Committee to evaluate
27 the feasibility of extending a sister state or province
28 relationship with Lorraine, France, to strengthen the bond of
29 friendship and long history the people of the State of Hawaii
30 have with Bruyeres, France; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee report its
33 findings and recommendations to the Legislature at least 20 days
34 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
38 Development, and Tourism, Chair of the Hawaii Sister State
39 Committee, President of the Regional Council of Lorraine,
40 France, and Mayor of the City of Bruyeres, France.

