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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§201-       Peace mission committee. (a) There is  
5 established a committee to be known as the peace mission  
6 committee, which shall be placed within the office of  
7 international relations for administrative purposes. The  
8 purpose of the peace mission committee shall be to plan and  
9 develop:

- 10           (1) Peace missions to other nations and international  
11           organizations, particularly with nations and  
12           organizations that are engaged in conflict with the  
13           United States;
- 14           (2) Cultural exchange and goodwill programs with other  
15           nations' education, business, and community sectors;  
16           and



1       (3) Charitable donation programs with other nations,  
2           provided that the programs do not violate any treaties  
3           or international policies involving the United States.

4       (b) The committee shall be a permanent body within the  
5       department of business, economic development, and tourism. The  
6       committee shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed,  
7       without regard to section 26-34.

8       (c) The committee members may include members from the  
9       private, public, community at large, and academic sectors. The  
10       speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two  
11       members. The president of the senate shall appoint two members.  
12       The governor shall select three members.

13       (d) The members shall not receive compensation for their  
14       services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,  
15       including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their  
16       duties under this subsection. Any member of the committee shall  
17       be immune from civil liability, as provided for under section  
18       26-35.5.

19       (e) In its efforts to conduct peace missions, initiate  
20       cultural exchange and goodwill programs, and develop charitable  
21       donation programs with other nations and international  
22       organizations, the committee may seek grants from public and



1 private sources and may accept donations to finance its  
2 projects, programs, and activities. The director of business,  
3 economic development, and tourism may direct any or as many  
4 employees the director deems appropriate to staff the committee.

5 (f) The committee shall submit a written report of its  
6 activities on an annual basis to the legislature no later than  
7 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,  
8 beginning with the regular session of 2009."

9 SECTION 2. Section 201-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) The office shall:

12 (1) Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations  
13 with other countries in the areas of international  
14 business, economy, culture, and the arts;

15 (2) Develop policies that promote transportation between,  
16 and tourism with, other countries;

17 (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications  
18 and high technology exchanges;

19 (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city  
20 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the  
21 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,  
22 and faith-based exchanges;



- 1           (5)   Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,  
2                   commerce, transportation, banking, and tourism hub of  
3                   the Pacific;
- 4           (6)   Develop an international affairs and peace education  
5                   curriculum that includes studies of international  
6                   affairs and peace initiatives and takes a proactive,  
7                   strategic approach to the development of policies that  
8                   promote the prevention of national and international  
9                   conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful  
10                  resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of  
11                  conflict; [~~and~~]
- 12          (7)   Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii  
13                   and other nations to develop international and peace-  
14                   based initiatives[-];
- 15          (8)   Support the activities of the peace mission committee  
16                   pursuant to subsection (d); and
- 17          (9)   Support the activities commemorating Peace Day  
18                   pursuant to section 8-16."

19           SECTION 3.   There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the  
22 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year

1 2010-2011 to be used by the peace mission committee for the  
2 purposes of this Act.

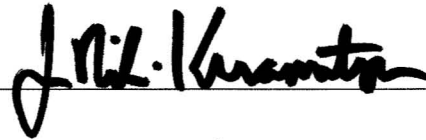
3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
5 of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Peace Mission Committee; Office of International Relations

**Description:**

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

