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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A 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           The purpose of this Act is to establish a youth center in  
10 Hawaii within the University of Hawaii.

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart M, to be  
13 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

14           "**S304A- Youth center; establishment.** (a) There is  
15 established a youth center. The center shall be placed within  
16 the University of Hawaii for administrative purposes as provided  
17 for in section 26-35. The purpose of the center shall be to  
18 generate and link an international framework in which youth from



1 around the world may become actively engaged in the attainment  
2 of world peace, environmental sustainability, and human and  
3 economic productivity for future generations.

4 (b) The youth center shall:

5 (1) Provide youth from around the world an opportunity to  
6 identify major global issues that will directly affect  
7 their generation and future generations and that need  
8 to be presently addressed;

9 (2) Train youth to become future leaders by providing  
10 training in effective communications of their concerns  
11 and in facilitation of the debate on global issues  
12 identified under paragraph (1);

13 (3) Develop educational programs on global issues  
14 identified under paragraph (1);

15 (4) Conduct original research on global issues identified  
16 under paragraph (1);

17 (5) Bring various diverse people and organizations  
18 together to address world problems including but not  
19 limited to peace, hunger, environmental protection,  
20 and public health; and



1       (6) Serve as an international clearinghouse for  
2                   information on policies affecting youth around the  
3                   world.

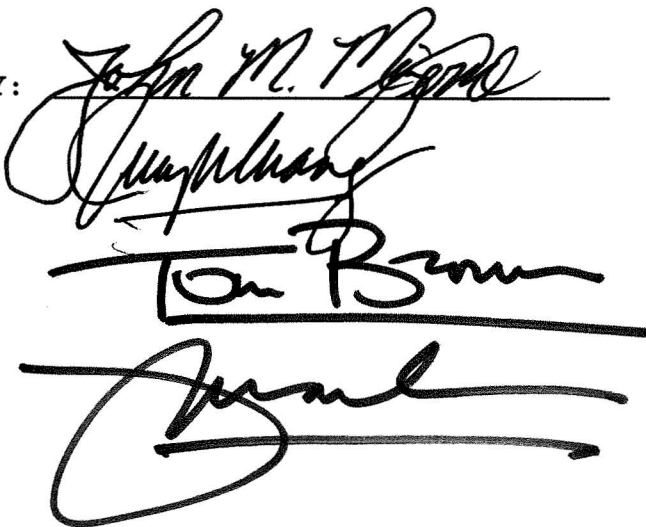
4       (c) For purposes of subsections (a) and (b), the youth  
5 center shall collaborate with Hawaii's leaders in education,  
6 politics, business, the East-West Center, and appropriate  
7 international organizations."

8       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Youth Center

**Description:**

Establishes a Youth Center within the University of Hawaii to identify and address major global issues.

