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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AND FOSTER  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in  
3 developing and fostering goodwill, friendship, and economic  
4 relations between the people of Hawaii and the international  
5 community; and

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7           WHEREAS, exciting opportunities exist to promote global  
8 connectivity to proliferate meaningful and mutually rewarding  
9 international friendships, understanding between cultures,  
10 economic and social vitality, scientific and technological  
11 advancement, and enhanced regional security for the expansion  
12 and diversity of Hawaii's economy; and

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14           WHEREAS, showcasing Hawaii's unique culture and beautiful  
15 natural environment to the international community would provide  
16 economic stimulus to Hawaii through its visitor industry, with  
17 the prospect of future growth; and

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19           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee under the  
20 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
21 currently advises the Governor and the Legislature on matters  
22 relating to sister-state or province relations and relations in  
23 general between the State of Hawaii and the states, provinces,  
24 or prefectures of foreign countries; now, therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business,  
29 Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to establish



1 opportunities to develop and foster international relationships,  
2 both official and personal, between the State of Hawaii and the  
3 international community, including:

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5 (1) Developing, planning, and coordinating such  
6 opportunities for the State, counties, business  
7 community, and other interested groups or individuals;  
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10 (2) Exploring opportunities to showcase Hawaii's arts,  
11 historic properties, and other items and places of  
12 cultural significance to the international community;

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
17 Economic Development, and Tourism, in fulfilling its  
18 responsibilities, is urged to consult, cooperate with, and seek  
19 advice from any appropriate agency; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
22 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a  
23 report of its activities, findings, and recommendations to the  
24 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
25 Regular Session of 2012; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
29 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and members of  
30 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.

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