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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE  
OF HAWAII AND THE ISLANDS OF POLYNESIA.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawaii and the people of many nations and territories  
5 comprising Polynesia; and  
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7           WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii  
8 has established a number of sister-state agreements with  
9 provinces in the Pacific region; and  
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11           WHEREAS, historical precedent exists which exemplifies a  
12 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and  
13 financial bridge between Polynesians living in Hawaii and their  
14 relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the islands of  
15 Polynesia; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the establishment of sister-state relations  
18 between the State of Hawaii and Polynesia would help reinforce  
19 and cement this common bridge; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the geographic location of Hawaii presents an  
22 outstanding opportunity to promote global connectivity among the  
23 islands of Polynesia to proliferate meaningful and mutually  
24 rewarding international friendships, understanding between  
25 cultures, economic and social vitality, scientific and  
26 technological advancement, and enhanced regional security; now,  
27 therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested  
32 to set up a task force within the State Department of Business,



1 Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to establish a  
2 relationship between Hawaii and the islands of Polynesia,  
3 including:

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- 5 (1) Western Province - Solomon Islands;
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  - 7 (2) Rarotonga District - Cook Islands;
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  - 9 (3) Easter Island;
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  - 11 (4) Province of Tahiti - French Polynesia;
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  - 13 (5) Pohnpei Province - Micronesia;
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  - 15 (6) Westland Province - New Zealand;
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  - 17 (7) Madang Province - Papua New Guinea;
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  - 19 (8) Pitcairn Island District - Pitcairn Islands;
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  - 21 (9) Upolu District - Samoa;
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  - 23 (10) Tongatapu District - Tonga;
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  - 25 (11) Funafuti District - Tuvalu; and
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  - 27 (12) 'Uvea Province - Wallis and Futuna;

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be  
32 composed of the Governor, and members representing DBEDT and the  
33 East-West Center; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
36 keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in  
37 establishing these relationships and to be involved in  
38 formalization; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
42 United States, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Governor of  
43 American Samoa, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Prime



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1 Minister of the Cook Islands, Provincial Governor of Easter  
2 Island, President of Vanuatu, President of French Polynesia,  
3 President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Prime Minster  
4 of New Zealand, Governor General of the Independent State of  
5 Papua New Guinea, Governor of the Pitcairn Islands, President of  
6 Fiji, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa, King of  
7 Tonga, Governor General of Tuvalu, and President of the  
8 Territorial Assembly of Wallis and Futuna.

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