
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND
INTELLECTUAL BENEFITS.

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 Queensland, Australia; and
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6 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
7 has established a number of sister-state agreements with areas
8 bordered by the Pacific Ocean; and
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10 WHEREAS, historical precedent exists which exemplify a
11 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
12 financial bridge between Australians living in Hawaii and their
13 relatives, friends, and business counterparts in Australia, and
14 the establishment of sister-state relations between the State of
15 Hawaii and Queensland, Australia would help reinforce and cement
16 this common bridge; and
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18 WHEREAS, Queensland and Hawaii have much in common, as
19 Queensland is often nicknamed the Sunshine State since it enjoys
20 warm weather and a sizeable portion of the state is in the
21 tropics, and Hawaii is officially nicknamed the Aloha State for
22 its warm hospitality and loving attitude to everyone; and
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24 WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, Queensland features tropical
25 and agricultural industries with the harvesting of bananas,
26 pineapples, peanuts, grain crops, wineries, cattle raising,
27 cotton, sugar cane, and wool; and



1 WHEREAS, in addition, Queensland relies heavily on tourism,
 2 with millions of interstate and overseas visitors flocking to
 3 the Sunshine State annually, generating \$4 billion each year, as
 4 tourists are naturally drawn to the Sunshine Coast and the Gold
 5 Coast featuring the state's most popular beaches; the Bunya
 6 Mountains and the Great Dividing Range with numerous lookouts,
 7 waterfalls and picnic areas; Carnarvon Gorge; and Whitsunday
 8 Islands and Hinchinbrook Island; and
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10 WHEREAS, Queensland and Hawaii also feature similar
 11 executive authorities as each is led by a governor, and both
 12 states exhibit parallels in the diverse number of universities,
 13 passion for athletics competition, and rail transportation; and
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15 WHEREAS, the geographic location of Hawaii presents an
 16 outstanding opportunity to promote global connectivity with
 17 Queensland, Australia for the purposes of proliferating
 18 meaningful and mutually rewarding international friendships,
 19 understanding between cultures, economic and social vitality,
 20 scientific and technological advancement, and enhanced regional
 21 security; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 25 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
 26 to take action to establish a sister-state relationship between
 27 Hawaii and Queensland, Australia for economic, cultural, and
 28 intellectual benefits; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
 31 keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in
 32 establishing the relationship and to be involved in its
 33 formalization; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 37 United States; the Governor; Chair of the Board of Directors and
 38 President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Director of Business,
 39 Economic Development, and Tourism; Governor of Queensland,
 40 Australia; and Premier of Queensland, Australia.
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