
HOUSE 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, that the Governor is requested to set up a task force
32 within the State Department of Business, Economic Development
33 and Tourism (DBEDT) to establish a relationship between Hawaii
34 and the islands of Polynesia, including:



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

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be
28 composed of the Governor, and members representing DBEDT and the
29 East-West Center; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
32 keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in
33 establishing these relationships and to be involved in
34 formalization; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
38 Governor of the State of Hawaii, Governor of American Samoa,
39 Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Prime Minister of the
40 Cook Islands, Provincial Governor of Easter Island, President of
41 Vanuatu, President of French Polynesia, President of the



1 Federated States of Micronesia, Prime Minister of New Zealand,
2 Governor General of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea,
3 Governor of the Pitcairn Islands, President of Fiji, Prime
4 Minister of the Independent State of Samoa, King of Tonga,
5 Governor General of Tuvalu, and President of the Territorial
6 Assembly of Wallis and Futuna.

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