
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii plays a
2 critical role in international affairs given its central
3 location in the Pacific Ocean. In November 2011, Hawaii hosted
4 the 23rd Annual Leader's Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic
5 Cooperation (APEC). The success of APEC 2011 was greatly
6 influenced by the efforts of the APEC Hawaii Host Committee,
7 which was comprised of important government, business, and
8 educational leaders.

9 As a member of the APEC Hawaii Host Committee, the
10 lieutenant governor of the State of Hawaii played a critical
11 role in coordinating state and county government resources that
12 ensured a successful APEC Leader's Meeting, demonstrating beyond
13 any doubt that Hawaii is a credible, convenient, and legitimate
14 location to conduct international business and affairs.

15 The purpose of this Act is to temporarily transfer the
16 responsibility of the office of international affairs from the
17 department of business, economic development, and tourism to the
18 office of the lieutenant governor.



1 SECTION 2. Section 26-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) In addition to the functions and duties provided by
4 law, the lieutenant governor shall assume administrative
5 responsibility for the office of information practices[-] and
6 the office of international affairs."

7 SECTION 3. Section 201-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) There is established[, ~~within the department of~~
10 ~~business, economic development, and tourism, an~~] a temporary
11 office of international affairs[-] for a special purpose within
12 the office of the lieutenant governor for administrative
13 purposes."

14 SECTION 4. All appropriations, records, equipment,
15 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
16 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
17 acquired, or held by the department of business, economic
18 development, and tourism, relating to the functions transferred
19 to the office of the lieutenant governor shall be transferred
20 with the functions to which they relate.



1 SECTION 5. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of
2 the office of international affairs are transferred to the
3 office of the lieutenant governor.

4 All officers and employees whose functions are transferred
5 by this Act shall be transferred with their functions and shall
6 continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer,
7 subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.

8 No officer or employee of the State having tenure shall
9 suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit,
10 vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as
11 a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be
12 transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the
13 necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee
14 possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which
15 transferred or appointed; and provided that subsequent changes
16 in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and
17 compensation laws.

18 An officer or employee of the State who does not have
19 tenure and who may be transferred or appointed to a civil
20 service position as a consequence of this Act shall become a
21 civil service employee without the loss of salary, seniority,
22 prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee



1 benefits or privileges and without the necessity of examination;
2 provided that such officer or employee possesses the minimum
3 qualifications for the position to which transferred or
4 appointed.

5 If an office or position held by an officer or employee
6 having tenure is abolished, the officer or employee shall not
7 thereby be separated from public employment, but shall remain in
8 the employment of the State with the same pay and classification
9 and shall be transferred to some other office or position for
10 which the officer or employee is eligible under the personnel
11 laws of the State as determined by the head of the department or
12 the governor.

13 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

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H.B. NO. 2635

Report Title:

Office of International Affairs; Transfer

Description:

Transfers administrative responsibility of the Office of International Affairs from the DBEDT to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Makes temporary the Office of International Affairs. Effective 01/01/13.

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