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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE HAWAII  
SISTER-STATE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND  
THE PROVINCE OF BALI INDONESIA.

1           WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and  
2 Bali would be mutually beneficial to the United States and  
3 Indonesia, and is consistent with the new US-Indonesia  
4 Comprehensive Partnership; and

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6           WHEREAS, pursuant to the enactment of Act 150, Session Laws  
7 of Hawaii 2006 (Act 150), the Hawaii Sister State Committee was  
8 established within the Department of Business, Economic  
9 Development, and Tourism to advise the Governor and the  
10 Legislature on matters relating to sister state or province  
11 relations between the State of Hawaii and the states or  
12 provinces of foreign countries; and

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14           WHEREAS, the Republic of Indonesia is the world's third  
15 largest democracy, with a population of over 225 million people,  
16 and is regarded as a world-renown destination for tourism and  
17 resort travel; and

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19           WHEREAS, in 2011, the Bali Times reported that the Bali  
20 province attracted 2.57 million tourists, which is approximately  
21 one-third of the total number of 7.65 million foreign visitors  
22 that traveled to Indonesia; and

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24           WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, Bali's economy is heavily  
25 dependent on tourism, which is its single largest industry,  
26 followed by agriculture; and

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28           WHEREAS, the US-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership  
29 initiative was designed to strengthen relations between the two  
30 countries through enhanced cooperation on energy efficiency, the



1 environment, health, science, technology, trade, and investment;  
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4 WHEREAS, when the sister state relationship is combined  
5 with the needs and agendas from the U.S. State Department and  
6 U.S. Department of Commerce, the Export-Import Bank, World Bank,  
7 and USAID, Hawaii could create a Hawaii-based regional center  
8 for international finance and foreign policy in the Pacific-Asia  
9 region; and  
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11 WHEREAS, a sister state working relationship with Bali  
12 would, in turn, create sustainable jobs in areas associated with  
13 international finance and other commerce related industries; and  
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15 WHEREAS, these industries would employ economists,  
16 engineers, bankers, and other consultants that could help to  
17 build trade practices in the region; now, therefore  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2012, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii is requested  
22 to assist Hawaii in becoming a more active participant in the  
23 dynamic, economic, and diplomatic activities in the Asia-Pacific  
24 region by authorizing the establishment of a sister state  
25 relationship between Hawaii and Bali; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
29 the President of the Republic of Indonesia, the United States  
30 Secretary of State, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the  
31 Governor of Bali, the Director of the Department of Business,  
32 Economic Development and Tourism, the Indonesian Ambassador to  
33 the United States, the President of the East-West Center, the  
34 Hawaii-Indonesia Chamber of Commerce in Honolulu, USINDO in  
35 Washington DC and the American Chamber of Commerce in Jakarta,  
36 Indonesia.  
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