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

