
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO TRANSFER THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii plays a critical role in international
2 affairs, given its central location in the Pacific Ocean; and
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4 WHEREAS, in November 2011, Hawaii hosted the 23rd Annual
5 Leader's Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
6 (APEC); and
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8 WHEREAS, the success of this international summit was
9 greatly influenced by efforts of the APEC Hawaii Host Committee,
10 which was comprised of important government, business and
11 educational leaders; and
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13 WHEREAS, the success of APEC demonstrated that Hawaii is a
14 credible, convenient and legitimate location to conduct
15 international business and affairs; and
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17 WHEREAS, the State's Lieutenant Governor served on the APEC
18 Hawaii Host Committee and played a critical role in coordinating
19 government resources; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor's key role demonstrates
22 the importance of including international outreach in the scope
23 of the Executive Branch responsibilities; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2012, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii transfer the
28 responsibilities of administering the Office of International
29 Affairs from the Department of Business, Economic Development
30 and Tourism to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
 3 Hawaii, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, and the
 4 Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and
 5 Tourism.
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