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Testimony Supporting
Senate Concurrent Resolution 20
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

February 29, 2015

Aloha Vice Chair English and members of the Tourism and International Affairs Committee.

I am pleased to submit this testimony in **strong support** of designating Hawaii and the state of Goa of the Republic of India sister states. Having travelled to Goa, I believe that Goa would make a perfect sister state for Hawaii, and that a sister-state relationship with Goa would greatly benefit the State of Hawaii and complement broader binational cooperation that our two national governments have undertaken.

Hawaii and Goa share more than a few similarities. Nestled along the west coast of India, the relatively small state of Goa is famous for its seascape and welcoming people. Small, tropical, and beautiful, Goa has become one of India's top tourist destinations. Last year alone, more than four million tourists travelled long distances to experience Goa's inviting coastline, excellent climate, inland mountains and protected areas, and the wonderful composite of cultures and traditions that is present-day Goa. While Goa is one of the smallest states in the Republic India, its tourism-driven economy has made it one of the most prosperous in that country.

As is true for the rest of India, Goa is composed of diverse ethnic groups, religions, and languages. However, Goa's unique mix of ancient traditions and colonial influences has fused with modern India in a way that makes Goa culturally distinct. Goa's architecture incorporates Portuguese, British, Indian, and Islamic influences. Its people speak English, Hindi, MATAHI, and Konkani, and practice Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, and Jainism. About half of its population is urban, situated mostly along the coast. With Portuguese and Indian influences, Goan cuisine consists of a rich variety of fish dishes, often cooked with coconut and palm oil and local fruits vegetables. The variety that constitutes Goa is rich and interesting, as is the variety that makes Hawaii the incredible place that we know it is.

Goa belongs to a country that is undergoing rapid transformation. An ancient civilization of science and innovation, modern India today is wholly focused on economic growth and development. In fact, India has a top ten gross domestic product and is home to one of the world's fastest growing economies and one of largest middle classes in the world. An increasingly prosperous and open India means that in the coming decades Indians will travel more and invest more in the rest of the world – including to and in Hawaii. Considering the dramatic progress made over the past two decades, one can only speculate where India, and most of its population that is still under the age of 35, will be a decade or two from now.

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As India evolves into an important economic, political, and strategic presence in Asia and the Pacific, so too is our bilateral relationship with India. President Obama's historic trip to India last year highlighted the importance that the United States places on the growing partnership with India. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, our two countries launched a series of dialogues encompassing most every aspect of our bilateral relationship in an effort to rapidly bring our two great countries closer together in a common bond of peace and friendship.

Both born from British colonialism, we are at once the world's oldest and largest democracies, sharing a deep belief in the rule of law and a strong constitution. It is more than coincidence that India's constitution begins with the same phrase as does ours, i.e., "We the people" – reflecting a shared, fundamental belief that ultimate power rests with the common citizen, and that democracy hinges on assuring individual liberties. We also have influenced one another in other significant ways. In the 1940s, Mahatma Gandhi led a non-violent independence movement that served as a model for Martin Luther King in forever changing American society for the better. In the 1960s, American agriculturalist Norman Borlaug brought the Green Revolution to India, an act that helped to put food on the table for millions of impoverished Indians who might otherwise have faced a Malthusian catastrophe. Both societies celebrate education and innovation, which in today's global economy has naturally drawn us closer as our businesses build high-tech hubs together that propel the information age.

It is my hope that the Committee supports the recommendation of the Hawaii Sister State Committee and establishes a sister-state relationship with the State of Goa, Republic of India. I urge your approval of SCR 20.

Thank you, Vice Chair English for holding this hearing today.

Sincerely,



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Statement of
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Monday, February 29, 2016
2:45pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
SCR20

REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE OF GOA IN THE COUNTRY OF INDIA AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION.

Vice Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SCR20, which requests the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of a sister-state relationship with the State of Goa in the Country of India and forward its recommendations to the Legislature pursuant to Section 229-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for further action.

DBEDT is pleased to report that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee has already reviewed and evaluated an application for a sister-state relationship submitted by the India-Hawaii Friendship Council and has issued its recommendation that the State of Hawaii establish a sister-state relationship with the State of Goa. The Committee forwarded its recommendation to the House Speaker and Senate President on January 7, 2016, for their review and action.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

TSI

Testimony

RE: Hearing for SCR 20 resolution on Monday Feb ²⁹ 8, 2016
in Conference Room ~~312~~ 225 ^{WK}

I support the Resolution SCR 20 to establish a sister-state relationship office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

This will promote good relationship between the two states. With India being an economic leader in South Asia, it will create more jobs and boost our Hawaii economy. It will also increase trade, tourism, cultural and education programs between two states.

I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in India.

Thanks.



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Testimony for SCR 20 resolution

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Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. This new venture will create more jobs and bring more revenue to our state economy. This will also promote good relationship not only between Hawaii and Goa, but also between United States and India.

Thanks.

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Thanks.

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Testimony in Support of SCR 20

RE: Hearing for SCR 20 resolution on Monday Feb 8, 2016
in Conference Room 312

GIIP supports the Resolution SCR 20 to establish a sister-state relationship office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

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GIIP is requesting Legislature to approve SCR 20 to open a sister-state relationship office in Goa, India.

Thanks for your understanding.



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To: Tourism and International Affairs Committee Members (TSA)
Subject: SCR 20 Testimony
To Establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa, India

I support SCR 20 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs which should result in more mutual understanding and respect between peoples, cultures and nations. A relationship between Goa and Hawaii will contribute towards the exchange of culture and the arts and many other spheres. In my humble opinion, there seems to be a link between the culture of India and Polynesia. There is potential in sharing art forms with each other which would lead to cultural understanding and appreciation.

Further, India is the home of Mahatma Gandhi, advocate of non-violence and peace. Recently, our State passed a bill which designates October 2nd as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii. It would be most fitting for Hawaii to establish a Sister-State Relationship with a district like Goa in India to emphasize this relationship and for Hawaii to have an added way to share its Aloha Spirit including an aspiration for world peace and harmony with the rest of world. There is the potential of having more conferences on spirituality and world peace in Hawaii.

Also, it is hoped that this historic agreement will create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy and will strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world.

I also support to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a liaison for the sister state office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

I would like to close by expressing my appreciation to the Committee for taking the time to read this recommendation.

Sincerely in gratitude,

Rev. Eric Matsumoto,
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
February 25, 2016

February 23rd , 2016

Attention: **Tourism and International Affairs Committee Members;**

Testimony in support of SCR 20

This letter is to show my support for the establishment of a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa-India. This Resolution is very important to build a mutual relationship not only between two great states but also between two large democratic countries in the world. Passing such an important resolution will allow Hawaii to explore new markets in Goa. This will increase trade and tourism creating more jobs, generating higher revenues and hence improving Hawaii's economy. Siva Hindu temple and Himalayan Academy on Kauai, and ISKCON temple in Honolulu will be the sites for pilgrimage, spiritual retreats, interfaith get together and Indian weddings.

This historic agreement will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture, wellness and health, culinary programs and Information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and Universities in both states.

I am requesting the Legislature approve SCR 20 to create a Sister State Relationship Office.

I also strongly support Raj Kumar to be appointed as the Liaison for the sister state office of Hawaii-Goa.

Thank you for your consideration,

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TSI

Re: SCR 20 -To open a Sister-State office in Goa, India

Hearing scheduled on February 29, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. in State Capitol Conference Room 225

Testimony in Support of SCR 20

I **strongly support SCR 20**, to establish a Sister-State Relationship Office between Hawaii, and Goa, India. This Resolution is very important to build a mutual relationship not only between two great states but also between two large democratic nations in the world.

Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. Passing such an important resolution will allow Hawaii to explore new markets in Goa. This will increase trade and tourism, creating more jobs, generating higher revenues, and hence improving Hawaii's economy.

Siva Hindu temple and Himalayan Academy on Kauai, and ISKCON Temple in Honolulu will be the sites for pilgrimage, spiritual retreats, interfaith get together and Indian weddings.

This historic agreement will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture, wellness and health, culinary programs and information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and universities in both states. We will be proud to introduce our Hawaiian music and dance to the people of Goa.

This venture will allow Hawaii merchants to export products made in Hawaii, which include Hawaiian clothing, swimwear, quilts, hand crafted products, ukulele, Kona coffee, pineapples, macadamia nuts, Koa wood furniture, Hawaiian art, and gold jewelry to name a few.

These two states also share similar cultural values, and live in harmony with people of different faiths and religions. The people of Hawaii, and their future generations will benefit from his historical agreement.

Thank you for your consideration.

TSI

Testimony

RE: Hearing for SCR 20 resolution on Monday Feb 8, 2016
in Conference Room 312

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I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a
Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in
India.

Thanks.

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February 10, 2016

House Committee on Veteran, Military and international Affairs

Re: HCR 26 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa

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I fully support HCR 26 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy and will strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world.

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Sincerely,

Norman Oshiro
Executive Director



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I fully support Resolution
 SCR 20 to open a sister
 state relationship office
 between Hawaii and Goa,
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I also support Dr. Raj Kumar
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 liaison for sister state
 office

Philip Jadhav

Feb 25, 2016

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Testimony for SCR 20 resolution

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Thanks.

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SCR20

Submitted on: 2/27/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
adele Chu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SCR20 to open a sister state with Goa, India. I feel it would be mutually beneficial.

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Testimony in support of SCR 20

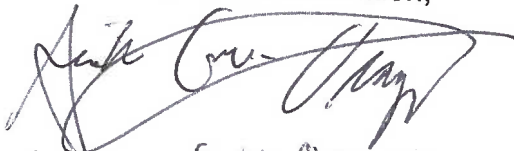
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I am requesting the Legislature approve SCR 20 to create a Sister State Relationship Office.

I also strongly support Raj Kumar to be appointed as the Liaison for the sister state office of Hawaii-Goa.

Thank you for your consideration,



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From: [Andrew Dahlburg](#)
To: [TSI Testimony](#)
Subject: SCR 20
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 8:31:40 PM

I am in complete support of SCR 20 and believe this will assist tourism to our island.

Thanks,

Andy Dahlburg

February 23rd , 2016

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RE: Hearing for HCR 26 resolution on Monday Feb 8, 2016
in Conference Room 312

I am in strong support to approve SCR 20 to open a sister-state office in Goa, India. This historical act will pay good dividends to our state in the future. This agreement will increase trade, tourism, sports, culinary, cultural, health and wellness and education program between two great states.

This agreement will also promote good relationship not only between two great states but strengthen the relationship between two large democratic nations.

I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in India.

Thanks.

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Testimony for SCR 20 resolution

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Thanks.


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Submitted on: 2/23/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Shull	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing in support of SCR20 to establish a sister state relationship between Hawaii and Goa, India. This type of relationship will be of great benefit to both states economically and culturally and it will strengthen the ties between the U.S. and India. There should be no hesitation to pass this measure.

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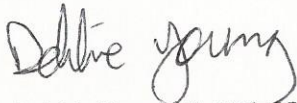
I am a Real Estate Broker with Help-U-Sell Honolulu Properties in Hawaii since 1990.

We see many different Countries Investing in Hawaii from China, Japan, Canada, and US.

It is time to open a sister- state office in Goa- India to promote trade, technology, tourism and investment in Real Estate; this will generate more revenues and may fuel our economy. Currently, India is an economic leader in the South Asia. Such a new venture with India will also help the local economy and will lower the unemployment rate in Hawaii.

I am here to help and answer any Questions from anyone needed.

Aloha,



Debbie Young R, CRS,GRI

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TO: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair and Members of the
Committee on Tourism and International Affairs

RE: Testifying in support of SCR20, Hawaii-Goa Sister-State Relationship

HEARING: Monday, February 29, 2016
2:45 PM CR225

I am testifying in support of SCR20 which establishes a Sister-State Relationship between the State of Hawaii and The State of Goa, India. Although I've never been to Goa, I have been to India 3 times. I spent 6 months in India in 2015 as a solo traveler and always felt safe. I discovered many beautiful places in India. The people were very friendly and welcoming although they had no idea where Hawaii was. This Sister-State Relationship will build awareness among the 2 countries. I think it will also help to promote tourism between Hawaii and India. Right now there are no tours from Hawaii to India.

Once again, I highly support the adoption of SCR20 establishing a Sister-State Relationship between Hawaii and Goa.

Sincerely,

Donna K. Isara

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February 23rd , 2016

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Testimony in support of SCR 20

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Thank you for your consideration,

Doug Weiss, DPT

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SCR20

Submitted on: 2/27/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Bott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Respected Senators, I have submitted testimony in favor of SCR 20. I would only like to add my support for your consideration of Raj Kumar, PhD, to be the liaison. There are two very good reasons to grant him this opportunity - 1) he has taken the lead in this effort, and 2) he has an established track record with the Gandhi International Institute for Peace. He has demonstrated a can-do attitude that has brought tangible results with the Gandhi program; I hope that you will give him a change to this effort. Respectfully, Eric Bott

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Hawaii State Senate

February 26, 2016
Honolulu, HI

Re: SCR 20: Sister-State relation with Goa, India

Distinguished Senators,

I am writing in support of the above resolution.

Although India and Hawaii are a long way from each other in geographic terms, geography does not rule the logic of life so completely as it once did. Today, we are brought closer together by means of the internet; perhaps not in all things, but certainly there are many opportunities out there and not all of them are as confined to the logic of yesteryear's geography.

I believe that it would be in the interests of our state to explore a relationship with this prosperous and rising major nation, and Goa is a good place to start. Having a sister-state relationship with any part of a nation is an inside avenue to the entire nation. Of course, India is a very big nation with many large and prosperous cities and states, but I do not think any share as many similarities as Goa, and I am confident that other testimony will direct your attention there.

Although part of the United States, we also have a responsibility to try to make Hawaii as independent and "free-standing" as possible. The effort to become self-sufficient in electricity is an example of this. Our current dependency on imports for food is a reminder of how wrong some things are. And the near total dependence on tourism for so much of our non-defense economy should be a motivator in searching out what may have previously been non-traditional sources of potential growth.

Hawaii's connection goes beyond the Wai'anānui - we now have an unusual opportunity insofar as our U.S. Congresswoman in the person of Representative Gabbard has a personal connection to India, and she may be of some significant help in this area. And clearly, the word has gotten out to the South Asian community in the mainland, as there are ever more tourists visiting - they can be seen regularly in increasing numbers in Waikiki - and each with a motherland connection. This seems like a good time to establish such a relationship.

I hope the Senate will look favorably on SCR 20, and pass it without undue delay.

Eric Bott

423 Kaiolu St., Apt. 107
Honolulu, HI 96815

TSI

Testimony


RE: Hearing for SCR 20 resolution on Monday Feb 8, 2016
in Conference Room 312

I support the Resolution SCR 20 to establish a sister-state
relationship office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

This will promote good relationship between the two states.
With India being an economic leader in South Asia, it will
create more jobs and boost our Hawaii economy. It will also
increase trade, tourism, cultural and education programs
between two states.

I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a
Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in
India.

Thanks.

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Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

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India.

Thanks.

Floyd Allen English

512 Kuku'ula Loop

96825

808-285-9406

February 23rd , 2016

Attention: **Tourism and International Affairs Committee Members;**

Testimony in support of SCR 20

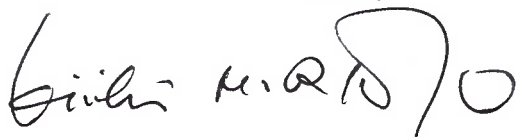
This letter is to show my support for the establishment of a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa-India. This Resolution is very important to build a mutual relationship not only between two great states but also between two large democratic countries in the world. Passing such an important resolution will allow Hawaii to explore new markets in Goa. This will increase trade and tourism creating more jobs, generating higher revenues and hence improving Hawaii's economy. Siva Hindu temple and Himalayan Academy on Kauai, and ISKCON temple in Honolulu will be the sites for pilgrimage, spiritual retreats, interfaith get together and Indian weddings.

This historic agreement will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture, wellness and health, culinary programs and Information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and Universities in both states.

I am requesting the Legislature approve SCR 20 to create a Sister State Relationship Office.

I also strongly support Raj Kumar to be appointed as the Liaison for the sister state office of Hawaii-Goa.

Thank you for your consideration,



3570 Nuuanu Pali Dr
HNL, HI 96817
557-0985

VMI TSI
H.C.

RE: Hearing for HCR 26 resolution on Monday Feb 8, 2016
in Conference Room 312

I am in strong support to approve SCR 20 to open a sister-state office in Goa, India. This historical act will pay good dividends to our state in the future. This agreement will increase trade, tourism, sports, culinary, cultural, health and wellness and education program between two great states.

This agreement will also promote good relationship not only between two great states but strengthen the relationship between two large democratic nations.

I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in India.

Thanks. H.C.

Hatilda Crawford
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Hon. 96825

808 395-2238

Jacqueline Ching
Office Assistant
Stone Concepts

VMI

Testimony for SCR 20 resolution

Hearing: Monday Feb 29, 2016 at 2:45pm in Conference
Room 225

I fully support the Resolution SCR 20 to establish a sister-
state relationship office between Hawaii and Goa, India. I am
requesting Hawaii Legislature to pass such an important
Resolution as this will increase trade, tourism, cultural and
education programs between two Hawaii and Goa.

Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. This
new venture will create more jobs and bring more revenue to
our state economy. This will also promote good relationship
not only between Hawaii and Goa, but also between United
States and India.

Thanks.



Jacqueline Ching

Javeynne Segi
Office Assistant
Craft and Stone

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I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in India.

Thanks.

Javeynne Segi


 VMH TSI

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in Conference Room 312

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I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in India.

Thanks.



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Submitted on: 2/23/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josh Atwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support this measure to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This relationship would be mutually beneficially for Hawaii and Goa in increasing tourism and travel opportunities between these two locations. Further, I know Mr. Raj Kumar personally and support his appointment as a Liaison for the Sister State Office between Hawaii and Goa, India. Mahalo.

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Dear Hawaii State Legislature,

With the spirit of aloha I wish to fully support SCR 20 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa submit this testimony in support of SCR 20.

This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy and will strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world.

While we share much in common with the state of Goa: beautiful climate and scenery, robust tourist economy, and dynamic multicultural citizenry, there are challenges facing both our great states as we continue into the future. I believe this sister-state relationship will allow both our peoples to collaborate towards a harmonious future for greater good and shared prosperity.

I also support to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a liaison for the sister state office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

Sincerely,

Kathryn L. Rutenschroer and Ryan W. Rutenschroer
"Funky Diva and Brother Ryan"
Waikiki, Hawaii 96815

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Submitted on: 2/28/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Heatherly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support SCR 20 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will create more jobs and help generate more revenues for our state economy and will strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world. I would like to recommend Raj Kumar to be appointed as the liaison between the Sister State Office for Hawaii and Goa, India.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis K Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the initiation of a sister-state relationship with the State of Goa, in the Country of India. I believe this will allow for a bridge of additional trade opportunities between Hawaii, Asia and the Middle East.

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Lyntillus Jerrod Boyd
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22 February 2016

Subject: Testimony for SCR20

I fully support SCR 20 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, international Hollywood film fair awards, filming, concerts, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will also create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy. It will also strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world. I also support to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for the Sister State Office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

Respectfully yours,

Lyntillus J. Boyd

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Testimony

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create more jobs and boost our Hawaii economy. It will also
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between two states.

I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a
Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in
India.

Thanks.

Shan Parmley

Shan Parmley

February, 26, 2016

India Bazaar

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SCR20

Submitted on: 2/24/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martin Mori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of establishing a sister state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the State of Goa, Republic of India. The relationship will help to foster social and economic benefits for the State of Hawaii and will help promote Hawaii as a tourism destination throughout the world.

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between two states.

I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a
Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in
India.

Thanks.

 2/26/16.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norma Daligcon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support HCR 26 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy and will strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world. I also support to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a liaison for the sister state office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

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We strongly support SCR 20 as this agreement will increase trade, tourism, sports, pilgrimage, peace conference, wellness, culinary art, cultural and educational exchange programs between two states. This historic agreement will also promote good relationship not only between two great states but between two great nations, USA and india. We also request Tourism and International Affairs Committee to appoint Dr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister-state officer between Hawaii and Goa, India.

Sincerely,

Pat and Fanny Vyas

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I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a
Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in
India.

Thanks.



2/26/16.

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Testimony for SCR 20 resolution

I fully support the Resolution SCR 20 to establish a sister-state relationship office between Hawaii and Goa, India. The hearing is scheduled for Monday Feb 29, 2016 at 2:45pm in Conference Room 225. I am requesting Hawaii Legislature to pass such an important Resolution as this will increase trade, tourism, cultural and education programs between two Hawaii and Goa.

Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. This new venture will create more jobs and bring more revenue to our state economy. This will also promote good relationship not only between Hawaii and Goa, but also between United States and India.

Thanks.

Robert Higgins

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HONOLULU, HI 96817

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ROBERT K HIGGINS

February 23rd , 2016

Attention: **Tourism and International Affairs Committee Members;**

Testimony in support of SCR 20

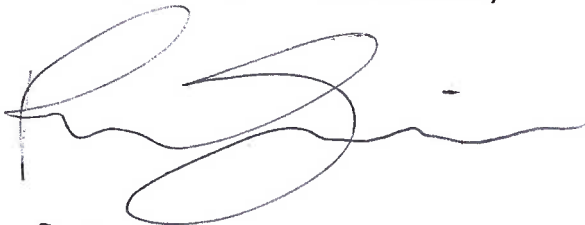
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This historic agreement will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture, wellness and health, culinary programs and Information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and Universities in both states.

I am requesting the Legislature approve SCR 20 to create a Sister State Relationship Office.

I also strongly support Raj Kumar to be appointed as the Liaison for the sister state office of Hawaii-Goa.

Thank you for your consideration,



Ruby Gines

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I fully support SCR 20 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, international Bollywood film fare awards, filming and concerts, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will also create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy. It will also strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world.

I also support the appointment of Dr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for the Sister State Office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

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Testimony

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Thanks.

Shan Parmley

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February, 26, 2016

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TSI Committee Members
Hawaii State Legislature

SCR 20

Hearing scheduled on February 8, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 312

Testimony in support of SCR 20

I strongly support SCR 20, to establish a Sister-State Relationship Office between Hawaii, US and Goa, India. This Resolution is very important to build a mutual relationship not only between two great states but also between two large democratic countries in the world.

Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. Passing such an important resolution will allow Hawaii to explore new markets in Goa. This will increase trade and tourism creating more jobs, generating higher revenues and hence improving Hawaii's economy. Siva Hindu temple and Himalayan Academy on Kauai, and ISKCON temple in Honolulu will be the sites for pilgrimage, spiritual retreats, interfaith get together and Indian weddings.

This historic agreement will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture, wellness and health, culinary programs and Information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and Universities in both states. We will be proud to introduce our Hawaiian music and dance to the people of Goa.

This venture will allow Hawaii merchants to export products made in Hawaii which include Hawaiian clothing, swimwear, Quilts, Hand Crafted products, Ukulele, Kona Coffee, Macadamia nuts, Hawaiian art and gold Jewelry to name a few.

These two states also share similar cultural values and live in harmony with people of different faith and religion.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharlene Daligcon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support HCR 26 to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. This new venture between two great states will increase trade, tourism, pilgrimage, sports, wellness, education and cultural exchange programs. This historic agreement will create more jobs and help to generate more revenues for our state economy and will strengthen the relationship between two large democratic countries in the world. I also support to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a liaison for the sister state office between Hawaii and Goa, India.

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Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. This new venture will create more jobs and bring more revenue to our state economy. This will also promote good relationship not only between Hawaii and Goa, but also between United States and India.

Thanks.

Sheryl Polix, RN, MAcDM
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TSI

Testimony


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Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in
India.

Thanks.


ph. ~~385~~ -8917

Tom Pham
President, Design & Installation Concepts

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in Conference Room 312

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I request TSI committee to appoint Mr. Raj Kumar as a Liaison for sister state office between Hawaii and Goa in India.

Thanks,



Tom Pham

I am writing this email to you in support of Mr. Raj Kumar's efforts in helping to establish a Sister State Relationship Office in Goa India. I feel that both Hawaii and India can only benefit from such a relationship as regards tourism, cultural and economic benefits, and the cause of mutual understanding and World Peace.

I have known Mr. Kumar for over a decade and have participated in all of his efforts to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday down by his statue in Waikiki. This event annually brings together many peace leaders, spiritual visionaries, and entertainers before tourists and local people alike. As a result of his tireless efforts, I can attest to Mr. Kumar's integrity and vision. Rest assured that his efforts in establishing the Sister State status with Goa will similarly benefit all concerned.

Sincerely,

Wallen Ellingson
musician, peace advocate,
and board member GIIP
(Gandhi International Institute for Peace)

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Submitted on: 2/22/2016

Testimony for TSI on Feb 29, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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