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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND TO FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION.

1 WHEREAS, due to its multicultural population since the days  
2 of the Hawaiian monarch in the early 20th century, Hawaii  
3 maintains a heritage of international participation and cultural  
4 sensitivity unparalleled in other states; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State actively seeks to expand its  
7 international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
8 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
9 of Hawaii and the people of many nations; and

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11 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-  
12 state relationships as a means of asserting the State's active  
13 participation in international matters; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains sixteen sister-state  
16 relationships, however, none of which are with any provinces of  
17 Canada; and

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19 WHEREAS, British Columbia, Canada's westernmost province,  
20 is home to a diverse population of over four million and faces  
21 similar social and economic issues as Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, British Columbia is an important generator of  
24 tourism in Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, British Columbia's well-known wintertime and year-  
27 round recreational activities attract many travelers from  
28 Hawaii; and

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1 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and British Columbia  
 2 will be highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening  
 3 cultural bonds, and would increase the prospective opportunity  
 4 for economic, social, cultural, educational, and environmental  
 5 exchanges; and

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 7 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised  
 8 Statutes, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee is tasked with  
 9 evaluating and developing recommendations for the initiation of  
 10 all sister-state relationships, and forwarding its  
 11 recommendations to the Legislature for implementation by either  
 12 adoption of a concurrent resolution or enactment of session law  
 13 to that effect; now, therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
 17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Sister-  
 18 State Committee is requested to evaluate and develop  
 19 recommendations to initiate a sister-state relationship between  
 20 Hawaii and the province of British Columbia, Canada; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Sister-State  
 23 Committee report its findings and recommendations, including any  
 24 proposed legislation, relative to initiating a sister-state  
 25 relationship between Hawaii and the province of British  
 26 Columbia, Canada, to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
 27 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

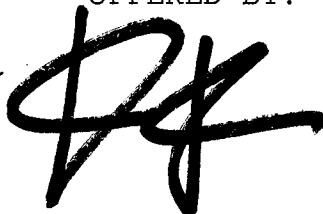
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 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 31 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson of  
 32 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.

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