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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATORS TO UTILIZE UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR  
THE CUSTODY, INVENTORY, AND CARE OF PROTOCOL GIFTS RECEIVED  
ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OR EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

1           WHEREAS, from time to time, Legislators accept protocol  
2 gifts on behalf of the State or either chamber of the  
3 legislature from foreign officials, federal officers, or  
4 officials from other states; and

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6           WHEREAS, these gifts may symbolize goodwill or strengthen  
7 international or national friendships; and

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9           WHEREAS, failure to accept such a gift may cause  
10 embarrassment to the donor and the recipient; and

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12           WHEREAS, these gifts may be small tokens, such as a  
13 fountain pen or a gift that a state is famous for, or may be  
14 larger gifts, such as a painting, musical instrument, or  
15 commemorative plate; and

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17           WHEREAS, these gifts may be of immense historical interest  
18 and illustrate a long and storied history between a visiting  
19 dignitary and the People of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
23 Representatives concurring, that State Legislators are  
24 respectfully requested to utilize uniform procedures for the  
25 custody, inventory, and care of protocol gifts received by  
26 Legislators on behalf of the State or either chamber of the  
27 Legislature; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon direct or indirect receipt  
30 of a protocol gift of any value on behalf to the State or either



1 chamber of the Legislature, every Legislator is requested to  
2 keep a written record of the following:

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- 4 (1) A description of the protocol gift;
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  - 6 (2) The date on which the protocol gift was received; and
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  - 8 (3) The identity of the individual donor, government
  - 9 agency, entity, or organization that gave the gift or
  - 10 on whose behalf the protocol gift was given; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Legislator is requested to  
13 exercise reasonable care in the maintenance of any protocol gift  
14 in the Legislator's possession that is included in the written  
15 record; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all protocol gifts listed on  
18 the written record shall be the property of the State rather  
19 than the Legislator who received the protocol gift; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the end of a Legislator's  
22 term of office, the protocol gift and the written record may:

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- 24 (1) Remain with the Legislator's office, and transfer to
  - 25 the succeeding Legislator, who shall thereafter be
  - 26 responsible for maintaining the written record and the
  - 27 protocol gift;
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  - 29 (2) Be transferred to the State Archives; or
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  - 31 (3) Be transferred to the State Foundation on Culture and
  - 32 The Arts; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Senate  
36 President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Majority  
37 Leader of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Majority  
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1 Leader of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the  
2 House of Representatives, State Comptroller, and Director of the  
3 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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