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SENATE 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, that State
23 Legislators are respectfully requested to utilize uniform
24 procedures for the custody, inventory, and care of protocol
25 gifts received by Legislators on behalf of the State or either
26 chamber of the Legislature; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon direct or indirect receipt
29 of a protocol gift of any value on behalf to the State or either
30 chamber of the Legislature, every Legislator is requested to
31 keep a written record of the following:
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33 (1) A description of the protocol gift;



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- (2) The date on which the protocol gift was received; and
- (3) The identity of the individual donor, government agency, entity, or organization that gave the gift or on whose behalf the protocol gift was given; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Legislator is requested to exercise reasonable care in the maintenance of any protocol gift in the Legislator's possession that is included in the written record; and

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

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

- (1) Remain with the Legislator's office, and transfer to the succeeding Legislator, who shall thereafter be responsible for maintaining the written record and the protocol gift;
- (2) Be transferred to the State Archives; or
- (3) Be transferred to the State Foundation on Culture and The Arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, State Comptroller, and Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

OFFERED BY:

