

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1589

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31

, 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 127
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 127 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PREFECTURE OF YAMAGUCHI, JAPAN, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Prefecture of Yamaguchi, Japan, and forward the Committee's recommendations to the Legislature for further action.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, & Tourism and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Yamaguchi Prefecture and the State have a strong relationship dating back to the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee recently unanimously recommended that a sister-state relationship be established between Yamaguchi

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Prefecture and the State of Hawaii. This measure will begin the formal process of establishing such a relationship.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language specifying that on March 15, 2021, the Hawaii Sister-State committee unanimously recommended that a sister-state relationship be established between Yamaguchi Prefecture and the State; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 127, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 127, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,

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AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



