

Honolulu, Hawaii  
MAR 18 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3221  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3221, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL SISTER-STATE RELATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support international sister-state relations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Japan-America Society of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that sister-state relationships are partnerships between governments that serve as a catalyst for trade and investment opportunities in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's sister-state relationships serve to raise Hawaii's profile internationally, which attracts dynamic cooperative programs, such as mutual exchanges in business, culture, tourism, and education, that positively impact Hawaii's economic growth. This measure ensures that funding support is



provided to leverage existing relationships and activities that will continue to raise Hawaii's international role.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2044, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3221, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3221, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Culture, Arts, &  
International Affairs,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



