

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2063 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 , 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 72
S.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.C.R. No. 72, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MADEIRA, PORTUGAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Honorary Consul of Portugal in Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has a long and strong historical bond with the people of Madeira, beginning with the arrival in Honolulu Harbor of one hundred eighty contract laborers from Madeira on September 30, 1878. The culture of the immigrants from Madeira have become integral parts of Hawaii's culture, from food to music.

Your Committee further finds that Hawaii has a deep and abiding interest in expanding its international ties and developing goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between

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the people of Hawaii and the people of many nations. Your Committee believes that establishing a sister-state relationship with the Autonomous Region of Madeira will further these goals and be highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening cultural and historical bonds, and advancing common goals of international peace and fellowship.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 72, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



