
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRADE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§201- Hawaii-Ireland trade commission; established;
5 membership; duties. (a) There is established within the
6 department, for administrative purposes only, the Hawaii-Ireland
7 trade commission. The commission shall consist of eleven
8 members who shall be appointed as follows:

9 (1) Five members to be appointed by the governor without
10 regard to section 26-34;

11 (2) Three members to be appointed by the speaker of the
12 house of representatives; and

13 (3) Three members to be appointed by the president of the
14 senate.

15 Each member shall be appointed for a four-year term;
16 provided that each member shall hold office until reappointed by
17 the member's respective appointing authority at the end of the



1 member's term or until the member's successor is appointed. Any
2 vacancy shall be filled by the respective appointing authority.

3 All initial appointments shall be made no later than
4 October 1, 2025.

5 (b) The members of the commission shall elect a
6 chairperson and vice chairperson from among themselves.

7 (c) Any action taken by the commission shall be approved
8 by a simple majority of its members. A majority of the members
9 of the commission shall constitute a quorum to do business.

10 (d) Each member of the commission shall have:

11 (1) Knowledge of, or current or past involvement in,
12 organizations that promote Irish affairs; or

13 (2) An interest in the well-being of trade relations
14 between Hawaii and Ireland.

15 (e) The commission shall:

16 (1) Advance bilateral trade and investment between Hawaii
17 and Ireland;

18 (2) Initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual
19 interest to Hawaii and Ireland;

20 (3) Promote business and academic exchanges between Hawaii
21 and Ireland;



1 (4) Encourage mutual economic support between Hawaii and
2 Ireland;

3 (5) Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of
4 Hawaii and Ireland; and

5 (6) Address any other issues as determined by the
6 commission.

7 (f) Beginning with the regular session of 2027, no later
8 than twenty days before the convening of each regular session,
9 the commission shall submit to the legislature and governor a
10 report of its work during the previous year.

11 (g) The members of the commission shall serve without
12 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,
13 including travel expenses, reasonably incurred in the
14 performance of their official duties.

15 (h) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
16 to implement this section.

17 (i) As used in this section, "commission" means the
18 Hawaii-Ireland trade commission."

19 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the
2 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
3 fund out-of-state relations activities.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
6 this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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Report Title:

DBEDT; Hawaii-Ireland Trade Commission; Reports; Out-of-state Relations Activities; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii-Ireland Trade Commission within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes. Requires annual reports to the Legislature and Governor. Appropriates funds for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to fund out-of-state relations activities. (CD1)

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