
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE OFFICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that enhancing economic
2 ties between Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines (the
3 Philippines) presents significant opportunities for
4 strengthening mutual economic development. Filipinos have
5 emerged as the second-largest ethnic group in Hawaii,
6 representing approximately twenty-five per cent of Hawaii's
7 population, and play major roles in all sectors of Hawaii's
8 economy. In addition, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. has
9 recently emphasized the potential for expanding trade
10 cooperation between the Philippines and Hawaii. Assisting small
11 businesses in developing and marketing products, focusing on
12 strengthening economic development, expanding and diversifying
13 trade opportunities, promoting cultural exchanges, and
14 leveraging the Filipino community in Hawaii can enhance the
15 economic and cultural partnerships between Hawaii and the
16 Philippines and lead to sustained growth and mutual benefits.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
2 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
3 establish an out-of-state office in the Republic of the
4 Philippines.

5 SECTION 2. The department of business, economic
6 development, and tourism shall establish an out-of-state office
7 in the Republic of the Philippines as authorized under section
8 201-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2026-2027 for the department of business, economic
14 development, and tourism to establish an out-of-state office in
15 the Republic of the Philippines.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
18 of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Filipino Caucus; DBEDT; Out-of-state Office; Republic of the Philippines; Appropriations

Description:

Requires, and appropriates funds for, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an out-of-state office in the Republic of the Philippines. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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