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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SISTER STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to statutorily 2 reestablish the process for initiating and maintaining sister 3 state and sister province relationships as outlined by the former state office of international relations in 1993. 4 5 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 6 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 7 as follows: 8 "CHAPTER SISTER STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS 9 -1 Short title. This chapter shall be known as the 10 11 Sister-State Act of 2006. 12 -2 **Definition**. For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, "sister state or province 13 14 relationship" means a relationship between the State of Hawaii 15 and the state or province or similar governmental or political subdivision of a foreign nation. 16 -3 Hawaii sister state committee. There is 17 18 established the Hawaii sister state committee, to be placed

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- 1 within the department of business, economic development, and
- 2 tourism for administrative purposes only, consisting of five
- 3 members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34.
- 4 The governor shall appoint four members, one member from each of
- 5 four lists of nominees submitted respectively by the following:
- **6** (1) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 7 (2) President of the senate;
- **8** (3) Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and
- 9 (4) Hawaii State Association of Counties.
- 10 Members serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
- 11 expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the
- 12 performance of their duties.
- 13 § -4 Initiating sister-state relationships. The Hawaii
- 14 sister state committee shall evaluate and develop
- 15 recommendations for the initiation of all sister state or
- 16 province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
- 17 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
- 18 the recommendation to initiate a sister state or province
- 19 relationship by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by
- 20 enacting session law to that effect.
- 21 § -5 Maintaining sister state relationships. The Hawaii
- 22 sister state committee shall periodically evaluate established

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- 1 sister state relationships and forward its recommendations on
- 2 maintaining sister state relationships to the governor and to
- 3 the legislature.
- 4 § -6 Dissolving sister state relationships. The Hawaii
- 5 sister state committee may make a recommendation to terminate a
- 6 sister state relationship it deems to be defunct, moribund, or
- 7 not beneficial and forward its recommendation to the
- 8 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
- 9 the recommendation to terminate a sister state relationship
- 10 either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting
- 11 session law to that effect."
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Statutorily establishes a Hawaii sister state committee to recommend sister state or province relationships for the legislature's action.

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