A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SISTER STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS.

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

- SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to statutorily
 reestablish the process for initiating and maintaining sisterstate and sister-province relationships as outlined by the state
 office of international relations in 1993.

 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
- $oldsymbol{6}$ adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read

SISTER-STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS

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as follows:

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- 8 "CHAPTER
- 10 S -1 Short title. This chapter shall be known as the
- 11 Sister-State Act of 2006.
- 12 S -2 Definition. For the purposes of this chapter,
- 13 unless the context otherwise requires, "sister-state or province
- 14 relationship" means a relationship between the State of Hawaii
- 15 and the state or province or similar governmental or political
- 16 subdivision of a foreign nation.
- 17 § -3 Hawaii sister-state committee. There is
- 18 established the Hawaii sister-state committee, to be placed

- 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) The speaker of the house of representatives;
- 7 (2) The president of the senate;
- **8** (3) The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and
- 9 (4) The Hawaii State Association of Counties.
- 10 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
- 11 for 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 either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by
- 20 enacting a law to that effect.
- 21 § -5 Maintaining sister-state relationships. The Hawaii
- 22 sister-state committee shall periodically evaluate established

- 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 a law
- 11 to that effect."
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

HB 1890 HDI

Report Title:

Sister-State Relationships; Statutory Authority

Description:

Statutorily establishes a Hawaii sister-state committee to recommend sister-state or sister-province relationships for the legislature's action. (HB1890 HD1)