SB3192 HD2 HMS 2006-3304

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
4	former state office of international relations in 1993.
5	SECTION 2. This Act shall be known as the "Sister-State
6	Act of 2006."
7	SECTION 3. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
8	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
9	as follows:
10	"CHAPTER
11	SISTER-STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS
12	§ -1 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, province, prefecture, or similar governmental or
16	political subdivision of a foreign nation.
17	§ -2 Hawaii sister-state committee. There shall be
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 seven
- 3 members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34.
- 4 The purpose of the committee shall be to advise the
- 5 governor and the legislature on matters relating to sister-state
- 6 or province relations, and relations in general, between the
- 7 State and the states, provinces, or prefectures of foreign
- 8 countries. The governor shall appoint seven members, one member
- 9 from each list of nominees submitted respectively by the
- 10 following:
- 11 (1) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 12 (2) President of the senate;
- 13 (3) Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs;
- 14 (4) East-West center;
- 15 (5) Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;
- 16 (6) University of Hawaii; and
- 17 (7) Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts.
- 18 A chair and vice chair of the committee shall be appointed
- 19 by the committee members from amongst themselves. Members shall
- 20 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
- 21 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
- 22 their duties.

- 4 province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
- 5 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
- 6 the recommendation to initiate a sister-state or province
- 7 relationship by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by
- 8 enacting session law to that effect.
- 9 S -4 Maintaining sister-state or province relationships.
- 10 The Hawaii sister-state committee shall periodically evaluate
- 11 established sister-state or province relationships and forward
- 12 its recommendations on maintaining sister-state or province
- 13 relationships to the governor and to the legislature.
- 14 § -5 Dissolving sister-state or province relationships.
- 15 The Hawaii sister-state committee may make a recommendation to
- 16 terminate a sister-state or province relationship it deems to be
- 17 defunct, moribund, or not beneficial, and forward its
- 18 recommendation to the legislature. The legislature, if it so
- 19 chooses, shall implement the recommendation to terminate a
- 20 sister-state or province relationship either by adopting a
- 21 concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that
- 22 effect."

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Sister-state or Province Relationships; Statutory Authority

Description:

Statutorily establishes a Hawaii sister-state committee to recommend sister-state or province relationships for the legislature's action. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB3192 HD2)