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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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

1	SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish an
2	office of international affairs to coordinate and promote
3	economic, social, cultural, and scientific relations with other
4	countries, and to name the office of international affairs after
5	Representative Heléne Hale for her abiding dedication to this
6	endeavor.
7	SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9	and to read as follows:
10	"§201- Office of international affairs; established.
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1	developme	nt, and tourism, without regard to chapter 76. The
2	executive	director may employ other personnel necessary to carry
3	out the d	uties of the office under this section.
4	(c)	The office shall also:
5	(1)	Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations
6		with other countries in the areas of international
7		business, economy, culture, and the arts;
8	(2)	Develop policies that promote transportation between,
9		and tourism with, other countries;
10	(3)	Develop and promote international telecommunications
11		and high technology exchanges;
12	(4)	Encourage the development of international sister-city
13		programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the
14		globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,
15		and faith-based exchanges;
16	<u>(5)</u>	Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,
17		commerce, transportation, banking, and tourism hub of
18		the Pacific;
19	<u>(6)</u>	Develop an international affairs and peace education
20		curriculum that includes studies of international
21		affairs and peace initiatives that takes a proactive,
22		strategic approach in the development of policies that

1		promote the prevention of national and international
2		conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful
3		resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of
4		conflict. The curriculum shall be named in
5		recognition of Representative Heléne Hale; and
6	<u>(7)</u>	Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii
7		and other nations to develop international and
8		peace-based initiatives.
9	<u>(d)</u>	If any of the responsibilities or duties of the office
10	of intern	ational affairs overlap the responsibilities or duties
11	of anothe	r agency or authority under this chapter, the office of
12	internation	onal affairs shall be responsible for those
13	responsib	ilities and duties."
14	SECT	ION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
15	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Office of International Affairs

## Description:

Establishes the Heléne Hale Office of International Affairs to coordinate and promote peace through improved economic, social, cultural, and scientific relations with other countries. (SD1)