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

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 five members, one member from each of
- 5 five 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) A Native Hawaiian cultural organization;
- **9** (4) The East-West Center; and
- 10 (5) The Hawaii State Association of Counties.
- 11 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
- 12 for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the
- 13 performance of their duties.
- 14 § -4 Initiating sister-state relationships. The Hawaii
- 15 sister-state committee shall evaluate and develop
- 16 recommendations for the initiation of all sister-state or
- 17 province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
- 18 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
- 19 the recommendation to initiate a sister-state or province
- 20 relationship either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by
- 21 enacting a law to that effect.

- 1 § -5 Maintaining sister-state relationships. For the
- 2 purpose of maintaining sister-state relationships, the Hawaii
- 3 sister-state committee shall evaluate each established
- 4 sister-state relationship no later than every two years and
- 5 forward its recommendations on maintaining sister-state
- 6 relationships to the governor and to the legislature.
- 7 S -6 Dissolving sister-state relationships. The Hawaii
- 8 sister-state committee may make a recommendation to terminate a
- 9 sister-state relationship it deems to be defunct, moribund, or
- 10 not beneficial, and forward its recommendation to the
- 11 legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement
- 12 the recommendation to terminate a sister-state relationship
- 13 either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting a law
- 14 to that effect."
- 15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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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. (SD2)