Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 14, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 230

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 230 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to strengthen international relations with our Pacific Ocean partners by encouraging the formation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the province of Isabela in the Philippines.

The Province of Isabela Hawaii Association, Oahu Filipino Community Council, and several concerned individuals supported this concurrent resolution. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and University of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii shares a strong bond with the Province of Isabela of the Philippines and recognizes the benefits of professional cultural and educational exchange. A sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the Province of Isabela would be a beneficial relationship. As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 230 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on International Affairs,

HELÉNE H. HALE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

HSCP 1361-06

Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	124/06		
HCR 230				
Committee Referral: The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments				
□ Hold □ Recommit				
INT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HALE, Heléne H. (C)	V			
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)	V			
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	V,			
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	\ \/			
5. SONSON, Alex M.	V			
6. THIELEN, Cynthia				V
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TOTAL	5	Ø	Q	/
The recommendation is: Adopted				
□ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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