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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL LIAISON FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 201-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~{}~~§201-17~~}~~ **Office of international affairs;**  
4 **established[-]; international liaison for the legislature.** (a)

5 There is established, within the department of business,  
6 economic development, and tourism, an office of international  
7 affairs.

8           (b) The office shall:

9           (1) Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations  
10           with other countries in the areas of international  
11           business, economy, culture, and the arts;

12           (2) Develop policies that promote transportation between,  
13           and tourism with, other countries;

14           (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications  
15           and high technology exchanges;

16           (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city  
17           programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the



1 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,  
2 and faith-based exchanges;

3 (5) Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,  
4 commerce, transportation, banking, and tourism hub of  
5 the Pacific;

6 (6) Develop an international affairs and peace education  
7 curriculum that includes studies of international  
8 affairs and peace initiatives and takes a proactive,  
9 strategic approach to the development of policies that  
10 promote the prevention of national and international  
11 conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful  
12 resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of  
13 conflict; and

14 (7) Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii  
15 and other nations to develop international and peace-  
16 based initiatives.

17 (c) There is created, within the office, one full-time  
18 equivalent position of international liaison for the  
19 legislature, whose duty shall be to act as the liaison between  
20 the legislature and the official representatives of all visiting  
21 foreign countries and whose duties shall include planning and  
22 organizing the hosting of visits of all foreign delegations to



1 the State on behalf of the legislature; provided that the  
2 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives shall provide direction for projects to be  
4 undertaken by the individual filling the position of  
5 international liaison for the legislature.

6 [~~e~~] (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary~~[7]~~  
7 except as provided in subsection (c), if any of the  
8 responsibilities or duties of the office of international  
9 affairs under this section overlap with the responsibilities or  
10 duties of another agency or authority under this chapter, the  
11 office of international affairs shall have exclusive  
12 jurisdiction and authority over those responsibilities and  
13 duties."

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
17 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2008-2009, for the full-time equivalent position of  
19 international liaison for the legislature within the office of  
20 international affairs of the department of business, economic  
21 development, and tourism.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
3 of this Act.

4           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
7 except that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

International Liaison for the Legislature; Foreign Delegations

**Description:**

Creates one full-time position of international liaison for the legislature within department of business, economic development, and tourism, office of international affairs. Makes appropriation.

