
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, education, 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-~~
17 ~~city~~] sister-state programs, pairing the State of

18 Hawaii [~~cities~~] with [~~cities~~] states, provinces, and



1 prefectures around the globe for artistic, cultural,
2 economic, educational, 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 and goodwill initiatives and takes a
9 proactive, strategic approach to the development of
10 policies that promote the prevention of national and
11 international conflict, nonviolent intervention,
12 mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and
13 structured mediation of 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 to serve as an 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



1 organizing the hosting of visits of all foreign delegations to
2 the State on behalf of the legislature.

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

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

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
21 of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

International Liaison for the Legislature; Foreign Delegations

Description:

Creates within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Office of International Affairs one full-time position to serve as an international liaison for the legislature. Appropriates funds. (HB1684 HD1)

