
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The governor shall not enter into any
2 international trade agreements without state approval.

3 (b) For purposes of this Act, "state approval" occurs
4 when:

5 (1) The legislature authorizes the international trade
6 agreement by concurrent resolution adopted by a
7 majority vote of the senate and the house of
8 representatives; or

9 (2) The joint legislative committee to consider
10 international trade agreements authorizes the
11 international trade agreement pursuant to subsection
12 (d).

13 Upon receiving state approval, the governor may enter into
14 the international trade agreement after issuing an executive
15 order approving the trade agreement.

16 (c) There is established a joint legislative committee to
17 consider and approve or disapprove proposed international trade



1 agreements. The committee shall be composed of eight members as
2 follows:

3 (1) Four members of the house of representatives,
4 consisting of three members from the majority party
5 and one member from the minority party, who shall be
6 appointed by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives; and

8 (2) Four members of the senate, consisting of three
9 members from the majority party and one member from
10 the minority party, who shall be appointed by the
11 president of the senate.

12 The committee shall select a chairperson from its
13 membership.

14 (d) The joint legislative committee to consider
15 international trade agreements shall meet to consider and
16 approve or disapprove proposed international trade agreements at
17 any time when the legislature is not in session. A majority of
18 all the members shall constitute a quorum to do business. When
19 a quorum is in attendance, the concurrence of a majority of the
20 members in attendance shall be required to approve a proposed
21 international trade agreement.

22 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

International Trade Agreements; State Approval

Description:

Requires legislative consent to bind the State to international trade agreements. Establishes a joint legislative committee to consider international trade agreements when the Legislature is not in session. (HB30 HD1)

