
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 **"§21- Legislative protocol fund; international affairs.**

5 (a) There is established a legislative protocol fund to be
6 administered by the legislature.

7 (b) Appropriations made by the legislature shall be
8 deposited into the fund.

9 (c) The fund shall be used to welcome and extend protocol
10 courtesies to visiting international dignitaries and government
11 officials."

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

14 **"~~[§201-17]~~ Office of international affairs;**

15 **established.** (a) There is established, within the department
16 of business, economic development, and tourism, an office of
17 international affairs.

18 (b) The office shall:



- 1 (1) Develop policies that promote and strengthen relations
2 with other countries in the areas of international
3 business, economy, culture, education, and the arts;
- 4 (2) Develop policies that promote transportation between,
5 and tourism with, other countries;
- 6 (3) Develop and promote international telecommunications
7 and high technology exchanges;
- 8 (4) Encourage the development of international sister-city
9 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the
10 globe for artistic, cultural, economic, educational,
11 and faith-based exchanges;
- 12 (5) Develop and promote Hawaii as the economic, trade,
13 commerce, transportation, banking, [~~and~~] tourism,
14 regional headquarters, and international conference
15 hub of the [~~Pacific,~~] Asia-Pacific region;
- 16 (6) Develop an international affairs and peace education
17 curriculum that includes studies of international
18 affairs and peace initiatives and takes a proactive,
19 strategic approach to the development of policies that
20 promote the prevention of national and international
21 conflict, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful



- 1 resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of
2 conflict; [~~and~~]
- 3 (7) Provide for exchanges of individuals between Hawaii
4 and other nations to develop international and peace-
5 based initiatives[~~-~~];
- 6 (8) Be the State's central point of contact and
7 accountability in international affairs and serve as
8 the State's advocate for a global orientation;
- 9 (9) Inventory existing international programs and develop
10 a web-based information portal to make this
11 information available to the public;
- 12 (10) Encourage international conferences to be held in
13 Hawaii;
- 14 (11) Encourage the development of international programming
15 and content on local radio shows and a dedicated
16 public access channel for international programs and
17 issues;
- 18 (12) Facilitate an international educational links program
19 by increasing collaboration and coordination of
20 international, educational, business, and community
21 organizations and providing funding for activities
22 that shall include but not be limited to:



1 (A) School excursions from Asia to Hawaii schools,
2 targeting middle and high-school students from
3 Japan, Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines, and China
4 with special focus on Hawaii's sister-states,
5 using the department and its overseas offices to
6 market school excursions to Hawaii and match
7 these overseas school visits with Hawaii schools;

8 (B) Study abroad programs, targeting middle and high-
9 school students from Hawaii schools focusing on
10 Hawaii's sister-states, and using the department's
11 overseas offices to match Hawaii schools with
12 overseas schools for school-to-school visits and
13 hosting. The office shall fund and encourage
14 funding sources both public and private to help
15 finance the studies abroad; and

16 (C) Teacher exchange programs through which teachers
17 from Hawaii and abroad exchange their teaching
18 positions for a period of time. The office shall
19 fund and encourage funding sources both public
20 and private to help finance teaching abroad;

21 (13) Facilitate an international leaders program by
22 facilitating the collaboration and coordination of



1 international, educational, business, and community
2 organizations and funding activities that shall
3 include but not be limited to:

4 (A) International conferences for high-school
5 students involving international organizations
6 such as the East-West Center and the Pacific
7 Asian Affairs Council;

8 (B) Adopt-a-school programs partnering international
9 companies and organizations with schools for
10 cultural and educational enrichment; and

11 (C) School competitions to become a high-school
12 fellow at international agency programs; and

13 (14) Promote international sporting events that benefit the
14 State.

15 ~~[(e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any~~
16 ~~of the responsibilities or duties of the office of international~~
17 ~~affairs under this section overlap with the responsibilities or~~
18 ~~duties of another agency or authority under this chapter, the~~
19 ~~office of international affairs shall have exclusive~~
20 ~~jurisdiction and authority over those responsibilities and~~
21 ~~duties.]"~~



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary fiscal year
5 2008-2009 for the hiring of an executive director and
6 administrative assistant for the office of international affairs
7 and for operating and program expenses.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
10 of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Office of International Affairs; Legislative Protocol Fund

Description:

Expands the Office of International Affairs. Establishes a legislative protocol fund. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

