## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GLOBAL YOUTH CENTER IN HAWAII.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. World peace is a major collaborative goal and
- 2 youth are the key to attaining world peace, sustainability, and
- 3 productivity for future generations. Hawaii's location at the
- 4 center of the Pacific Rim region between Asia and the Americas,
- 5 its diverse culture, and its many shared languages provide an
- 6 excellent strategic forum for meetings and exchanges, as
- 7 demonstrated by the Millennium Youth People's Congress that was
- 8 held in Hawaii in October 1999.
- 9 The creation of a Global Youth Center in Hawaii presents a
- 10 unique opportunity for generating a truly international
- 11 framework through which youth around the world could become
- 12 actively engaged in the construction of a better future. It
- 13 offers youth from around the world an opportunity to identify
- 14 what they see as the major global issues to be addressed and
- 15 will train these future leaders to more effectively communicate
- 16 their concerns so that they can help shape the debate over
- 17 issues that will directly affect them.

- 1 The Global Youth Center will develop educational programs,
- 2 conduct original research, and link diverse people and
- 3 organizations to address some of the problems faced by the
- 4 world. The Global Youth Center will work in conjunction with
- 5 Hawaii educational, political, and business leaders, and
- 6 representatives at the East-West Center, the International
- 7 Student/Young Pugwash, and the Pugwash Conferences on Science
- 8 and World Affairs. It will serve as a clearinghouse for
- 9 information on youth policy activities internationally.
- 10 The legislature finds that the Global Youth Center should
- 11 also ensure that Hawaii students, particularly public school
- 12 students, are provided with opportunities to participate in
- 13 programs and activities to increase awareness of global issues
- 14 and to address these issues through a variety of activities
- 15 including meetings and forums.
- 16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 17 establishment of a Global Youth Center in Hawaii.
- 18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$140,040, or so much
- 20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
- 21 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year

- 1 2008-2009, for the establishment of a Global Youth Center in
- 2 Hawaii.
- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the East-West
- 4 Center through the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this
- 5 Act.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

## Report Title:

Appropriation; Global Youth Center

## Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish a global youth center in Hawaii. (SD1)