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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE.

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

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE
6	§ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:
7	"Committee" means the joint legislative management
8	committee.
9	"Director" means the director of the office of legislative
10	exchange.
11	"Office" means the office of legislative exchange.
12	§ -2 Establishment of the office of legislative
13	exchange. (a) There is established an office of legislative
14	exchange, which shall develop a plan and implement a program for
15	the purpose of offering one-month internships with Hawaii's
16	legislature to lawmakers from Pacific Island nations, newly
17	emerging democracies in Eastern Europe, and other parts of the
18	world.



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(b) The office shall be under the supervision of the joint
 legislative management committee.

3 -3 Director, appointment, tenure, removal, salary; S 4 (a) The president of the senate and the speaker of the staff 5 house of representatives shall jointly appoint a director for 6 the office of legislative exchange who shall serve for a period 7 of six years and thereafter until a successor shall have been appointed. The legislature by two-thirds vote of the members in 8 9 joint session may remove or suspend the director from office, 10 but only for cause. The committee shall fix the salary of the 11 director.

12 (b) The director may hire necessary staff, as authorized
13 by the committee, to carry out the responsibilities of the
14 office.

15 § -4 Duties. In the development of the legislative
16 exchange program, the office, at a minimum, shall:

17 (1) Work with other governments to ascertain the extent of
18 interest in internships with Hawaii's legislature and
19 the funds available through those governments for such
20 internships;



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1	(2)	Establish procedures by which lawmakers of other
2		countries can apply for internships under this
3		program;
4	(3)	Formulate program guidelines and standards to ensure
5		that every intern participating in the program
6		receives a basic core of knowledge that the office has
7		determined to be essential in understanding the
8		operations of Hawaii's legislature and the legislative
9		process;
10	(4)	Identify those offices in the legislature where
11		interns under this program can be most effectively
12		placed for one month and develop specific internship
13		program descriptions for each;
14	(5)	Identify and apply for any available private or public
15		grant funds that may be used to underwrite the cost of
16		the internship program; and
17	(6)	Establish an evaluation mechanism to measure the
18		effectiveness of the program.
19	s -	-5 Approval; reports to the legislature. (a) The
20	office sha	all submit the legislative exchange program plan and
21	any subsec	quent revisions thereto to the committee for its
22	approval.	



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(b) The office shall prepare and submit to the
 legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 each regular session, annual reports on the activities of the
 office."

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

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Report Title: Office of Legislative Exchange; Established; Internships

Description: Establishes the office of legislative exchange to develop a program that offers internships with Hawaii's legislature to lawmakers from other nations.

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