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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members
of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

The Hawaii Sister-State Committee met on December 16, 2015, to review an application submitted by the Indian-American Friendship Council-Hawaii Chapter to establish a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the State of Goa, India. The application included numerous letters in support of the sister-state relationship.

After reviewing the application and the support letters, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed relationship. Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 229-3, "Initiating sister-state relationships," allows the Legislature, if it so chooses, to implement the Committee's recommendation to initiate a sister-state relationship by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that effect. Dr. Raj Kumar, President of the Indian-American Friendship Council-Hawaii Chapter, has been appointed by the State of Goa to assist the Legislature with the drafting of a resolution in support of the establishment of a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the State of Goa.

Please contact Milton Kwock, DBEDT staff to the Hawaii Sister-State Committee, at milton.kwock@hawaii.gov or call him at 808-587-2759 should you or your staff have any questions about the proposed sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the State of Goa.

Sincerely,

Luis P. Salaveria