

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1167

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23, 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 127

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 127 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PREFECTURE OF YAMAGUCHI, JAPAN, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of a sister state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Prefecture of Yamaguchi, Japan, and forward the Committee's recommendations to the Legislature for further action.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Japan-America Society of Hawai'i; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii and Yamaguchi Prefecture share a long history and strong bond, beginning with *kanyaku imin* and the immigration of thousands of contract laborers to Hawaii between 1885 and 1894 and carried forward through continuous cultural and education exchanges between the people of Yamaguchi and Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the Governor of

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Yamaguchi Prefecture, Muraoka Tsugumasa, supports and will apply for the establishment of a sister-state relationship with Hawaii. The sister-state relationship proposed by this measure will be highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening cultural bonds, and advancing common goals of international peace and brotherhood.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 127 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,

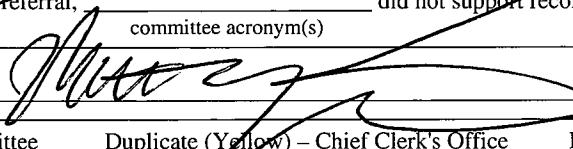


CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HCR 127</i>		Committee Referral: <i>CAI, CPC</i>		Date: <i>3/17/21</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
CAI Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)		<i>X</i>			
2. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)		<i>X</i>			
3. HAR, Sharon E.		<i>X</i>			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne		<i>X</i>			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.		<i>X</i>			
6. TAM, Adrian K.		<i>X</i>			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.		<i>X</i>			
8. WARD, Gene		<i>X</i>			
TOTAL (8)		<i>8</i>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 					
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