
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND
DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-
STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

1 WHEREAS, due to its multicultural population since the days
2 of the Hawaiian Monarchy, Hawaii maintains a heritage of
3 international participation and cultural sensitivity that is
4 unparalleled in other states; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State actively seeks to expand its
7 international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
8 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
9 of Hawaii and the people of many nations; and

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11 WHEREAS, while Hawaii currently maintains eighteen sister-
12 state relationships, none are with any cities or provinces in
13 New Zealand; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii and New Zealand are part of the triangle of
16 Polynesia, and the indigenous people of Hawaii and New Zealand
17 share many cultural and language similarities; and

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19 WHEREAS, collaboration with the many Maori and Polynesian
20 cultural institutes in New Zealand would be culturally
21 beneficial to Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, since 2014, Hawaii has participated in the
24 Pasifika Festival, an annual Pacific Islands-themed festival
25 typically held in Western Springs, Auckland, New Zealand; and

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27 WHEREAS, New Zealand is consistently ranked among the top
28 twenty countries for quality of education by the Organisation
29 for Economic Co-operation and Development; and



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1 WHEREAS, as an island nation in the middle of the Pacific
 2 Ocean, New Zealand faces some of the same geographic challenges
 3 as Hawaii and has taken steps in protecting its environment and
 4 expanding its economy; and

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 6 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and New Zealand
 7 would also be highly beneficial in expanding and diversifying
 8 Hawaii's film industry, enhancing Hawaii's educational quality
 9 and opportunities, developing and meeting Hawaii's environmental
 10 goals, and developing and bolstering Hawaii's exportable
 11 commodities; and

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 13 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised
 14 Statutes, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee is tasked with
 15 evaluating and developing recommendations for the initiation of
 16 all sister-state relationships and forwarding its
 17 recommendations to the Legislature for implementation by either
 18 adoption of a concurrent resolution or enactment of session law
 19 to that effect; now, therefore,

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 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 22 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 23 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Sister-State
 24 Committee is requested to evaluate and develop recommendations
 25 to initiate a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
 26 city of Auckland, New Zealand; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Sister-State
 29 Committee report its findings and recommendations for further
 30 action related to initiating a sister-state relationship between
 31 Hawaii and the city of Auckland, New Zealand, including any
 32 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 33 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and

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 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 37 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson of
 38 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.

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 41 OFFERED BY: _____



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