HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. **61**

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND FUJIAN PROVINCE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's relations with sister states and 2 provinces are governed by chapter 229, Hawaii Revised Statutes; 3 and 4 5 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the initiation of a sister-state relationship between 6 Hawaii and another state or province follows an evaluation and 7 recommendation by the Hawaii Sister-State Committee, which then 8 forwards its recommendation to the Legislature for its 9 10 consideration; and 11 WHEREAS, the Legislature, if it so chooses, implements the 12 Hawaii Sister-State Committee's recommendation to initiate a 13 sister-state or province relationship by either adopting a 14 concurrent resolution or enacting a session law for that 15 purpose; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Hawaii already has sister-state relations with 18 three entities in the Greater China region: Guangdong 19 (established in 1985), Hainan (established in 1992), and Taiwan 20 (established in 1993); and 21 22 WHEREAS, Fujian province is a southeastern Chinese province 23 with a population of approximately 41,500,000 and has the 24 second-highest gross domestic product per capita of all 25 provinces in China; and 26 27 28 WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, the mayors of Honolulu and Fuzhou, the capital city of Fujian province, established a 29 sister-city relationship via video link; now, therefore, 30

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 3 4 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee is urged to recommend the initiation of a 5 6 sister-state relationship between Hawaii and Fujian province; 7 and 8 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and 11 Chairperson of the Hawaii Sister-State Committee. 12

OFFERED BY:

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