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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO TRADE.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:
- 4           "§201-       Hawaii-Ireland trade commission; established;  
5 membership; duties. (a) There is established within the  
6 department, for administrative purposes only, the Hawaii-Ireland  
7 trade commission. The commission shall consist of eleven  
8 members who, notwithstanding section 26-34, shall be appointed  
9 as follows:
- 10           (1) Five members to be appointed by the governor;  
11           (2) Three members to be appointed by the speaker of the  
12               house of representatives; and  
13           (3) Three members to be appointed by the president of the  
14               senate.
- 15           Each member shall be appointed for a four-year term;  
16 provided that each member shall hold office until reappointed by  
17 the member's respective appointing authority at the end of the



1 member's term or until the member's successor is appointed. Any  
2 vacancy shall be filled by the respective appointing authority.

3 All initial appointments shall be made no later than  
4 October 1, 2025.

5 (b) The members of the commission shall elect a  
6 chairperson and vice chairperson from among themselves.

7 (c) Any action taken by the commission shall be approved  
8 by a simple majority of its members. A majority of the members  
9 of the commission shall constitute a quorum to do business.

10 (d) Each member of the commission shall have:

11 (1) Knowledge of, or current or past involvement in,  
12 organizations that promote Irish affairs; or

13 (2) An interest in the well-being of trade relations  
14 between Hawaii and Ireland.

15 (e) The commission shall:

16 (1) Advance bilateral trade and investment between Hawaii  
17 and Ireland;

18 (2) Initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual  
19 interest to Hawaii and Ireland;

20 (3) Promote business and academic exchanges between Hawaii  
21 and Ireland;



1       (4) Encourage mutual economic support between Hawaii and  
2       Ireland;

3       (5) Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of  
4       Hawaii and Ireland; and

5       (6) Address any other issues as determined by the  
6       commission.

7       (f) Beginning with the regular session of 2027, no later  
8       than twenty days before the convening of each regular session,  
9       the commission shall submit to the legislature and governor a  
10      report of its work during the previous year.

11      (g) The members of the commission shall serve without  
12      compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,  
13      including travel, reasonably incurred in the performance of  
14      their official duties.

15      (h) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
16      to implement this section.

17      (i) As used in this section, "commission" means the  
18      Hawaii-Ireland trade commission."

19      SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

20      SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii-Ireland Trade Commission; Department of Business,  
Economic Development, and Tourism

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii-Ireland Trade Commission within the  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for  
administrative purposes.

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