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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, THE COUNTY OF MAUI, THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, AND THE COUNTY OF KAUAI TO ESTABLISH SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PACIFIC ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES.

1           WHEREAS, the success of the 13<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts  
2 and Culture (FestPAC), hosted for the first time by Hawaii in  
3 its fifty-two-year history in June 2024, demonstrated the value  
4 and importance of fostering relationships between Hawaii and its  
5 Pacific Island neighbors; and

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7           WHEREAS, those in the Pacific Island region face unique  
8 opportunities and challenges, as well as share in many similar  
9 histories, traditions, and cultures; and

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11           WHEREAS, Sister City programs encourage exchanges in arts  
12 and culture, youth and education, business and trade, and  
13 community development; and

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15           WHEREAS, Sister City relationships have been made between  
16 counties in the State of Hawaii and eighty-nine cities  
17 worldwide, with thirty of these in the Pacific region; and

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19           WHEREAS, expanding Sister City relationships between Hawaii  
20 and additional Pacific Island communities would strengthen  
21 regional ties and further cultivate a shared appreciation of one  
22 another's people, history, and culture; now, therefore,

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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of  
27 Honolulu, the County of Maui, the County of Hawaii, and the  
28 County of Kauai are urged to establish new Sister City  
29 relationships with other Pacific Island municipalities; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.

OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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