
HOUSE 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 13th 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, that the City and County of Honolulu, the County of
27 Maui, the County of Hawaii, and the County of Kauai are urged to
28 establish new Sister City relationships with other Pacific
29 Island municipalities; and

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

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