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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE OFFICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that enhancing economic  
2   ties between Hawaii and the Philippines presents significant  
3   opportunities for strengthening mutual economic development.  
4   Filipinos have emerged as the second-largest ethnic group in  
5   Hawaii, representing approximately twenty-five per cent of  
6   Hawaii's population, and play major roles in all sectors of  
7   Hawaii's economy. In addition, President Ferdinand R. Marcos,  
8   Jr. has recently emphasized the potential for expanding trade  
9   cooperation between the Philippines and Hawaii. Assisting small  
10  businesses in developing and marketing products, focusing on  
11  strengthening economic development, expanding and diversifying  
12  trade opportunities, promoting cultural exchanges, and  
13  leveraging the Filipino community in Hawaii can enhance the  
14  economic and cultural partnerships between Hawaii and the  
15  Philippines and lead to sustained growth and mutual benefits.



1       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
2       department of business, economic development, and tourism to  
3       establish an out-of-state office in the Philippines.

4       SECTION 2. The department of business, economic  
5       development, and tourism shall establish an out-of-state office  
6       in the Philippines as authorized under section 201-81, Hawaii  
7       Revised Statutes.

8       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9       revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so  
10      much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
11      the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
12      year 2026-2027 for the department of business, economic  
13      development, and tourism to establish an out-of-state office in  
14      the Philippines.

15      The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
16      of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
17      of this Act.

18      SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Filipino Caucus; DBEDT; Out-of-state Office; Philippines;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires, and appropriates funds for, the Department of  
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an out-  
of-state office in the Philippines. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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