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S.B. NO. 1295

A Bill for an Act Establishing a Guangdong Province Special Exchange Program and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The legislature finds that the establishment of an exchange program between the State of Hawaii and the Guangdong province of the People's Republic of China will be of great benefit to the people of both regions. With Hawaii's leadership in the study of cross-cultural relationships and business practices, and China's vast resources and developing economy, the sharing of ideas and information regarding economic development, trade, science, education, agriculture, tourism, and related activities could only enhance economic prospects for both regions and strengthen Hawaii's role in international trade and commerce in the Pacific Basin and Asia.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a special exchange program between Hawaii and Guangdong province to promote a better understanding between the two regions and assist both regions in fulfilling their economic potentials.

SECTION 2. Guangdong province special exchange program established. There is established a Guangdong province special exchange program within the department of planning and economic development for administrative purposes to promote a better understanding between the People's Republic of China and the State of Hawaii on matters of economic development, mutual trade, education, cultural exchange, and other activities of interest to the people of both regions. The special exchange program shall consist of selected Hawaii residents who shall either teach at a school in Guangdong province, study the cultural, social, or economic practices of China, or conduct research on issues that would promote a better understanding of the ways of life within the two regions and assist both regions in fulfilling their economic potentials. Each participant, upon returning to Hawaii, shall share and disseminate their acquired knowledge and experience by means of public presentations, conferences, consultations, or other appropriate means.

SECTION 3. Guangdong province special exchange program advisory committee; establishment; duties. (a) There is established the Guangdong province special exchange program advisory committee which shall plan and implement the special exchange program established by this Act. The advisory committee shall consist of three members. One member shall be appointed by the governor, and the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member each. The advisory

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committee shall select a chairperson from among its members. Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The advisory committee shall receive such administrative support as necessary from appropriate resources in the State, both public and private, to carry out its duties.

(b) The advisory committee shall:

- (1) Plan, develop, and implement the special exchange program;
- (2) Select program participants who shall have expertise in areas such as business, public administration, education, engineering, public health, agriculture, tourism, law, and planning; provided that not more than twelve individuals shall be designated as program participants; and
- (3) Submit progress reports of its activities to the legislature prior to the convening of the 1988 and 1989 regular sessions and a final report prior to the convening of the 1990 regular session.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1987-1988, and the same amount is appropriated for fiscal year 1988-1989, to the special exchange program between the State of Hawaii and the Guangdong province of the People's Republic of China. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of planning and economic development for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 2, 1987.)