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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH  
OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AND FOSTER INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONSHIPS.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 and fostering goodwill, friendship, and economic relations  
4 between the people of Hawaii and the international community;  
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7           WHEREAS, exciting opportunities exist to promote global  
8 connectivity to proliferate meaningful and mutually rewarding  
9 international friendships, understanding between cultures,  
10 economic and social vitality, scientific and technological  
11 advancement, and enhanced regional security for the expansion  
12 and diversity of Hawaii's economy; and

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14           WHEREAS, showcasing Hawaii's unique culture and beautiful  
15 natural environment to the international community would provide  
16 economic stimulus to Hawaii through its visitor industry, with  
17 the prospect of future growth; and

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19           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee under the  
20 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
21 currently advises the Governor and the Legislature on matters  
22 relating to sister-state or province relations and relations in  
23 general between the State of Hawaii and the states, provinces,  
24 or prefectures of foreign countries; now, therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Sister-State  
29 Committee is urged to establish opportunities to develop and  
30 foster international relationships, both official and personal,



1 between the State of Hawaii and the international community,  
2 including:

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4 (1) Developing, planning, and coordinating such  
5 opportunities for the State, counties, business  
6 community, and other interested groups or individuals;  
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9 (2) Exploring opportunities to showcase Hawaii's arts,  
10 historic properties, and other items and places of  
11 cultural significance to the international community;

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Sister-State  
16 Committee, in fulfilling its responsibilities, is urged to  
17 consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from any appropriate  
18 agency; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Sister-State  
21 Committee is requested to submit a report of its activities,  
22 findings, and recommendations to the Legislature no later than  
23 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012;  
24 and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
28 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and members of  
29 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.

