
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE
OF HAWAII AND THE ISLANDS OF OCEANIA.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
4 of Hawaii and the people of many nations and territories
5 comprising Oceania; and
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7 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
8 has established a number of sister-state agreements with
9 provinces in the Pacific region; and
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11 WHEREAS, historical precedent exists which exemplifies a
12 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
13 financial bridge between Oceanians living in Hawaii and their
14 relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the islands of
15 Oceania; and
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17 WHEREAS, the establishment of sister-state relations
18 between the State of Hawaii and Oceania would help reinforce and
19 cement this common bridge; and
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21 WHEREAS, the geographic location of Hawaii presents an
22 outstanding opportunity to promote global connectivity among the
23 islands of Oceania to proliferate meaningful and mutually
24 rewarding international friendships, understanding between
25 cultures, economic and social vitality, scientific and
26 technological advancement, and enhanced regional security; now,
27 therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
32 to set up a task force within the Department of Business,



1 Economic Development, and Tourism to establish a relationship
2 between Hawai'i and the islands of Oceania, including, but not
3 limited to:

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5 (1) Province of Tahiti - French Polynesia;
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7 (2) Westland Province - New Zealand;
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9 (3) Republic of the Fiji Islands;
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11 (4) Republic of Vanuatu;
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13 (5) Western Province - Solomon Islands;
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15 (6) Rarotonga District - Cook Islands;
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17 (7) Pohnpei Province - Micronesia;
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19 (8) Madang Province - Papua New Guinea;
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21 (9) Pitcairn Island District - Pitcairn Islands;
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23 (10) Upolu District - Samoa;
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25 (11) Tongatapu District - Tonga;
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27 (12) Funafuti District - Tuvalu; and
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29 (13) 'Uvea Province - Wallis and Futuna;

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
34 include the Governor, and members representing the Department of
35 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the East-West
36 Center; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
39 keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in
40 establishing these relationships and to be involved in
41 formalization; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a
3 report of the task force's findings to the Legislature no later
4 than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2012; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
8 United States, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of
9 French Polynesia, Prime Minister of New Zealand, President of the
10 Republic of the Fiji Islands, President of the Republic of
11 Vanuatu, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Prime Minister
12 of the Cook Islands, President of the Federated States of
13 Micronesia, Governor General of the Independent State of Papua
14 New Guinea, Governor of the Pitcairn Islands, Governor of
15 American Samoa, Prime Minister of the Independent State of
16 Samoa, King of Tonga, Governor General of Tuvalu, President of
17 the Territorial Assembly of Wallis and Futuna, and Director of
18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

