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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE  
OF HAWAI'I AND THE ISLANDS OF OCEANIA.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i 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, Hawai'i  
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 Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i and Oceania would help reinforce and  
19 cement this common bridge; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the geographic location of Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i, Regular Session  
31 of 2011, that the Governor is requested to set up a task force  
32 within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
33 Tourism to establish a relationship between Hawai'i and the  
34 islands of Oceania, including, but not limited to:



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

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
30 include the Governor, and members representing the Department of  
31 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the East-West  
32 Center; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
35 keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in  
36 establishing these relationships and to be involved in  
37 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 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
8 Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of French Polynesia,  
9 Prime Minister of New Zealand, President of the Republic of the  
10 Fiji Islands, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, Prime  
11 Minister of the Solomon Islands, Prime Minister of the Cook  
12 Islands, President of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
13 Governor General of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea,  
14 Governor of the Pitcairn Islands, Governor of American Samoa,  
15 Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa, King of Tonga,  
16 Governor General of Tuvalu, President of the Territorial  
17 Assembly of Wallis and Futuna, and Director of Business,  
18 Economic Development, and Tourism.

