
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE WITH QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND INTELLECTUAL BENEFITS.

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 Queensland, Australia; and
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6 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
7 has established a number of sister-state agreements with areas
8 bordered by the Pacific Ocean; and
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10 WHEREAS, historical precedent exists which exemplify a
11 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
12 financial bridge between Australians living in Hawaii and their
13 relatives, friends, and business counterparts in Australia, and
14 the establishment of sister-state relations between the State of
15 Hawaii and Queensland, Australia would help reinforce and cement
16 this common bridge; and
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18 WHEREAS, Queensland and Hawaii have much in common, as
19 Queensland is often nicknamed the Sunshine State since it enjoys
20 warm weather and a sizeable portion of the state is in the
21 tropics, and Hawaii is officially nicknamed the Aloha State for
22 its warm hospitality and loving attitude to everyone; and
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24 WHEREAS, similar to Hawaii, Queensland features tropical
25 and agricultural industries with the harvesting of bananas,
26 pineapples, peanuts, grain crops, wineries, cattle raising,
27 cotton, sugar cane, and wool; and



1 WHEREAS, in addition, Queensland relies heavily on tourism,
2 with millions of interstate and overseas visitors flocking to
3 the Sunshine State annually, generating \$4 billion each year, as
4 tourists are naturally drawn to the Sunshine Coast and the Gold
5 Coast featuring the state's most popular beaches; the Bunya
6 Mountains and the Great Dividing Range with numerous lookouts,
7 waterfalls and picnic areas; Carnarvon Gorge; and Whitsunday
8 Islands and Hinchinbrook Island; and
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10 WHEREAS, Queensland and Hawaii also feature similar
11 executive authorities as each is led by a governor, and both
12 states exhibit parallels in the diverse number of universities,
13 passion for athletics competition, and rail transportation; and
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15 WHEREAS, the geographic location of Hawaii presents an
16 outstanding opportunity to promote global connectivity with
17 Queensland, Australia for the purposes of proliferating
18 meaningful and mutually rewarding international friendships,
19 understanding between cultures, economic and social vitality,
20 scientific and technological advancement, and enhanced regional
21 security; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
26 to take action to establish a sister-state relationship through
27 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee between Hawaii and Queensland,
28 Australia for economic, cultural, and intellectual benefits; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Hawaii Sister-
31 State Committee are requested to keep the Legislature fully
32 informed of the process in establishing the relationship and to
33 be involved in its formalization; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
37 United States; Governor; Chairperson of the Board of Directors
38 and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Director of
39 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of the
40 Hawaii Sister-State Committee; Governor of Queensland,
41 Australia; and Premier of Queensland, Australia.

