
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE STATE OF DAKHLA OF THE REGION OF OUED ED-DAHAB-LAGUIRA OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii maintains a heritage of international
2 participation and cultural sensitivity unparalleled in other
3 states due to its multicultural population since the days of the
4 Hawaiian monarchy; and

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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-
7 state relationships as a means of asserting the State's active
8 participation in international matters; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains 16 sister-state
11 relationships; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is advantageous to
14 the State to continue to pursue sister-state relationships for
15 cultural and economic development purposes, with attention on
16 fostering the most productive relationships; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State of Dakhla and Hawaii share similar
19 environments that foster an active tourism industry: both offer
20 ideal conditions for surfing, fishing, diving, and other outdoor
21 water sports; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State of Dakhla is in Western Sahara, under
24 the control of the Kingdom of Morocco, and has a very mild
25 Mediterranean climate due to the cool currents of the Atlantic
26 Ocean and has some of the best weather in the world; and



1 WHEREAS, the State of Dakhla has a population of
2 approximately 60,000 people and plans to benefit its people with
3 economic development, education, youth employment, and renewable
4 energy; and
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6 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and the Kingdom of
7 Morocco began with the Millennium Young People's Congress in
8 1999; and
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10 WHEREAS, numerous other events and activities have occurred
11 to strengthen ties between Hawaii and the Kingdom of Morocco,
12 including an "Aloha Morocco Week" event held in 2007; and
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14 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
15 Region of Rabat-Sale-Zemmour-Zaer of the Kingdom of Morocco was
16 established in 2012; and
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18 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
19 State of Dakhla will be highly beneficial in expanding economic
20 ties related to tourism and related work and advancing common
21 goals of international peace and brotherhood; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Sister-
26 State Committee is requested to evaluate and develop
27 recommendations for the initiation of a sister-state
28 relationship between Hawaii and the State of Dakhla of the
29 Region of Oued Ed-Dahab-Lagouira of the Kingdom of Morocco; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 229-3,
32 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee
33 report its findings and recommendation, including proposed
34 legislation, relative to initiating a sister-state relationship
35 between Hawaii and the State of Dakhla of the Region of Oued Ed-
36 Dahab-Lagouira of the Kingdom of Morocco, to the Legislature no
37 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
38 Session of 2016; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
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1 Secretary of State; Ambassador of the Embassy of Morocco in
2 Washington, D.C.; Governor of Dakhla; Consul General of Morocco
3 in Hawaii; Governor of the State of Hawaii; and Chairperson of
4 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.
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