

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1621

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 158
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 158, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE HAWAII SISTER STATE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE STATE OF DAKHLA OF THE REGION OF OUED ED-DAHAB-LAGOUIRA OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor to approve the establishment of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the State of Dakhla of the Region of Oued Ed-Dahab-Lagouira of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Muslim Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State of Dakhla of the Region of Oued Ed-Dahab-Lagouira of the Kingdom of Morocco, like Hawaii, is a tourist destination known for its great weather and ideal conditions for surfing, fishing, diving, and other outdoor water sports. Your Committee further finds that a relationship between Hawaii and Dakhla will be highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening cultural bonds, and advancing common goals of international peace and brotherhood.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language requesting the Governor to approve the establishment of a sister-state relationship;
- (2) Inserting language requesting that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of a sister-state relationship with the State of Dakhla of the Region of Oued Ed-Dahab-Lagouira of the Kingdom of Morocco and forward its recommendation to the Legislature, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Amending the title to reflect the amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 158, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 158, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism and
International Affairs,




GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HCR 158, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TSI</i>	Date: <i>2015</i> <i>20 APR 15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)	✓			✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes