

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3349

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2018

RE: S.R. No. 78

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and  
Technology and Judiciary, to which was referred S.R. No. 78  
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE  
COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM TO EVALUATE THE SISTER-STATE PROGRAM AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF  
THE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONSHIPS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Hawaii Sister-State Committee and Department of Business, Economic  
Development, and Tourism, in consultation with certain members of  
the Legislature, to provide a report to the Legislature that  
evaluates the sister-state program and makes recommendations to  
improve efforts to promote mutually beneficial international  
relationships to stimulate, among other things, economic growth.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism; and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of  
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committees find that the sister-state program was  
established in 1981, with the first sister-state relation being



formed with Fukuoka, Japan. In order to administer the program, in 2006, the Sister-State Committee was established by Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, and was administratively placed in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Your Committees further find that to date, the State has established sister-state relations with seventeen different jurisdictions around the world, and one is awaiting formal signing, which would bring the total to eighteen established relations. Your Committees believe that although the sister-state relations established have the potential to stimulate the economy of the State, for some sister-state relations, there has been no activity. Your Committees recognize the benefit of having sister-state relations and encourage more effort to be put toward sister-state relation activities.

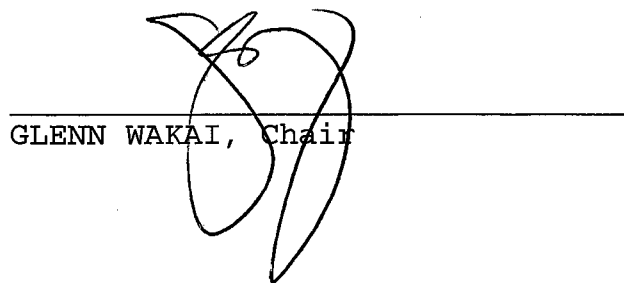
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 78, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 78, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development, Tourism, and  
Technology and Judiciary,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

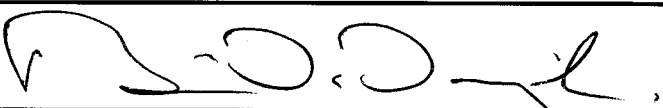


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
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TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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