

Hawaii State Association of Counties

Counties of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu



September 4, 2012

TO: COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN
AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER STANLEY CHANG, SECRETARY *SC*
HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

SUBJECT: HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE

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Section 229-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established the Hawaii Sister-State Committee within the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to advise the Governor and the state Legislature on matters relating to relations between the state of Hawaii and the state or provinces in foreign countries. Of the five members, the statute mandates that one of the members must be nominated by the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC). The duties of the Committee are set forth in the statute which is attached.

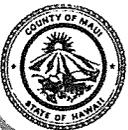
At its August 31, 2012, monthly meeting, the HSAC Executive Committee (Committee) requested that all Councils submit suggested nominees to replace Councilmember Romy Cachola, who is expected to vacate his position on the Committee. Please note that the Committee plans to finalize its list of nominee(s) to submit to the Governor at its October monthly meeting.

HSAC President Rapozo further requested that suggested nominee(s) lists be sent to his office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Attachment

Copy: Councilmember Mel Rapozo, President of HSAC
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[CHAPTER 229]
SISTER-STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS

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[§229-1] **Definition.** For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, "sister-state or province relationship" means a relationship between the State of Hawaii and the state or province or similar governmental or political subdivision of a foreign nation. [L 2006, c 150, pt of §2]

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[§229-2] **Hawaii sister-state committee.** There shall be established the Hawaii sister-state committee, to be placed within the department of business, economic development, and tourism for administrative purposes only, consisting of five members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34.

The purpose of the committee shall be to advise the governor and the legislature on matters relating to sister-state or province relations and relations, in general, between the State and the states or provinces of foreign countries. The governor shall appoint five members, one member from each of five lists of nominees submitted respectively by the following:

- (1) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- (2) President of the senate;
- (3) Native Hawaiian cultural organization;
- (4) East-West Center; and
- (5) Hawaii State Association of Counties.

A chair and vice chair of the committee shall be appointed by the committee members from among themselves. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties. [L 2006, c 150, pt of §2]

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[§229-3] **Initiating sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii sister-state committee shall evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of all sister-state or province relationships and forward its recommendation to the legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement the recommendation to initiate a sister-state or province relationship by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that effect. [L 2006, c 150, pt of §2]

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[§229-4] **Maintaining sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii sister-state committee shall periodically evaluate established sister-state relationships and forward its recommendations on maintaining sister-state relationships to the governor and to the legislature. [L 2006, c 150, pt of §2]

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[§229-5] **Dissolving sister-state relationships.** The Hawaii sister-state committee may make a recommendation to terminate a sister-state relationship it deems to be defunct, moribund, or not beneficial and forward its recommendation to the legislature. The legislature, if it so chooses, shall implement the recommendation to terminate a sister-state relationship either by adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that effect. [L 2006, c 150, pt of §2]

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