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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE INTERFAITH STEERING  
COMMITTEE.

1           WHEREAS, much of the violence in the world arises out of  
2 conflict and misunderstanding between different religious  
3 faiths; and  
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5           WHEREAS, an effective means for minimizing  
6 misunderstandings between different religious faiths is to  
7 promote open channels of communication between the various  
8 religious faiths; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the Council for a Parliament of World's Religions  
11 is having its quintennial meeting in Sydney, Australia in  
12 December of 2009, which will have an estimated eight to twelve  
13 thousand participants; and  
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15          WHEREAS, the Legislature has received proposals for  
16 pursuing a similar meeting of religious scholars and leaders in  
17 Hawaii in 2011; now, therefore,  
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19          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
21 Session of 2008, that the Department of Business, Economic  
22 Development, and Tourism is requested to establish the statewide  
23 interfaith steering committee; and  
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25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the  
26 statewide interfaith steering committee be made up of  
27 representatives of the various religious and interfaith  
28 organizations and groups existing in Hawaii, including but not  
29 limited to: Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Church Women  
30 United, Confucianism, Daoism, Hawaiian Spirituality, Hinduism,  
31 Islam, Knights of Columbus, Jainism, Judaism, Mokichi Okada  
32 Association, Native Americans, Church of Perfect Liberty,  
33 Quakers, Risshio Kosei Kai, the Salvation Army, Seichi-No Ie,  
34 Shinnyo-En, Shinto, Sikhism, Sufism, Unitarian Universalism,



1 Unity, Zoroastrianism, All Believers Network, the Interfaith  
2 Alliance, and the Open Table; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the statewide  
5 interfaith steering committee are requested to select a  
6 chairperson from amongst its members; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the statewide  
9 interfaith steering committee shall be to develop and promote  
10 interfaith activities to further relations between various  
11 religious faiths; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide interfaith  
14 steering committee is requested to explore the possibility of  
15 organizing a major international interfaith conference in Hawaii  
16 to take place by 2011; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the  
19 statewide interfaith steering committee be terminated on  
20 June 30, 2011; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to representatives of the following  
24 religious and interfaith groups and organizations: Baha'i,  
25 Buddhism, Christianity, Church Women United, Confucianism,  
26 Daoism, Hawaiian Spirituality, Hinduism, Islam, Knights of  
27 Columbus, Jainism, Judaism, Mokichi Okada Association, Native  
28 Americans, Church of Perfect Liberty, Quakers, Risshio Kosei  
29 Kai, the Salvation Army, Seichi-No Ie, Shinnyo-En, Shinto,  
30 Sikhism, Sufism, Unitarian Universalism, Unity, Zoroastrianism,  
31 All Believers Network, the Interfaith Alliance, and the Open  
32 Table.

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