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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting herewith two (2) copies of the **2007 State of Hawaii's Sister States - A Report to the Legislature** prepared by the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/main/about/annual.

Pursuant to Act 150, (Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 229-2), the 2006 Legislature established the Hawaii Sister-State Committee. Members of the committee were appointed in 2007 and held its first meeting on June 21, 2007. Applications for proposed sister-states will be reviewed by this committee and recommendations will be submitted to the Legislature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

Enclosures