HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

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H.B. NO. <sup>540</sup> H.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GLOBAL YOUTH CENTER IN HAWAII.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. World peace is a major collaborative goal, and
our youth are the key to attaining world peace, sustainability,
and productivity for future generations. Hawaii's location at
the center of the Pacific Rim, its diverse culture, and its many
shared languages provide an excellent strategic forum for
meetings and exchanges, as demonstrated by the Millennium Youth
People's Congress that was held in Hawaii in October 1999.

8 The creation of a Global Youth Center in Hawaii presents a 9 unique opportunity for generating a truly international 10 framework through which youth from around the world could become 11 actively engaged in constructing a better future. It offers 12 these youth an opportunity to identify the major global issues 13 that need to be addressed. It will also train these future 14 leaders to communicate their concerns more effectively so that 15 they can help shape the debate over issues that will directly 16 affect them.

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1 The Global Youth Center will develop educational programs, 2 conduct original research, and link diverse people and 3 organizations to address some of the problems facing the world. 4 The Global Youth Center will work in conjunction with Hawaii 5 educational, political, and business leaders, and representatives at the East-West Center, the International 6 7 Student/Young Puqwash, and the Puqwash Conferences on Science 8 and World Affairs. It will also serve as a clearinghouse for 9 information on youth policy activities internationally. 10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to 11 establish a Global Youth Center in Hawaii. 12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$140,040 or so much 13 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the 15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the establishment of a Global Youth Center in 16 17 Hawaii. 18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the East-West 19 Center through the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this 20 Act. 21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Appropriates funds to establish a Global Youth Center in Hawaii. (HB540 HD1)