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HAWAIʻI SISTER-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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Hawai‘i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission
Meeting Agenda
October 26, 2026; 9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

A. Roll call
B. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2026, and September 28, 2026, Meetings
C. Public Testimony

II. Old Business

A. Ethics Guidance Follow-Up
    1. Clarification of State Ethics Commission requirements concerning gifts, invitations, and participation in international events
    2. Financial disclosure requirements for Commission members

B. Administrative Matters
    1. Development of a proposed Commission operating budget
    2. Discussion of future budget requests and submission through DBEDT for the Governor's budget process

C. Review of Act 158 (2025) and Act 181 (2026)
    1. Formation of Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to Investigate the Commission’s areas of responsibility and propose new international relationships

D. Sister-State Selection and Retention Process
    1. Review of existing written procedures previously used by the Sister-State Committee
    2. Discussion of potential criteria and processes for reviewing and maintaining existing relationships

E. Inventory of Hawai‘i's International Relationships
    1. Status update on DBEDT's initial inventory of Hawai‘i's international relationships
    2. Discussion of identifying and documenting international partnerships involving:
        i. State-level agreements and relationships
        ii. Department of Education schools
        iii. University of Hawai‘i memoranda of understanding and partnerships
        iv. Private educational institutions, including Punahou School
        v. Other organizations and institutions engaged in international activities

III. New Business

A. Guangdong and Hainan International Engagement
    1. Follow-up on the proposed discussion of the Guangdong and Hainan delegations and the invitation extended to Governor Green
    2. Discussion of potential future Commission engagement

IV. Announcements

A. Upcoming International Events and Commission Participation
    1. 2027 Sister-State and International Partnership Anniversaries:
        i. Azores, Portugal – 45th Anniversary
        ii. Hainan, China – 35th Anniversary
        iii. Hiroshima, Japan – 30th Anniversary
        iv. Pangasinan, Philippines – 25th Anniversary
        v. Hokkaido, Japan – 10th Anniversary
        vi. Yamaguchi, Japan – 5th Anniversary
    2. Hiroshima 30th Anniversary – May 2027 delegation to Hiroshima, and October 2027 reciprocal visit
    3. Jeju, Korea – 40th Anniversary in Jeju on October 28, 2026, attended by 26-member delegation from Hawaii
    4. Other upcoming international delegations, invitations, and events requiring Commission participation

V. Next Meeting

A. November 30, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
B. December 21, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

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