REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS

Voting Members:
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Radiant Cordero, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Esther Kia'āina,
Val A. Okimoto, Augie Tulba, Tommy Waters, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
August 26, 2026

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on International & Legal Affairs, which considered Resolution 26-184 entitled:

"RESOLUTION RENEWING THE CITY'S SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CEBU CITY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,"

introduced on August 13, 2026, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to approve the renewal of the City and County of Honolulu's sister city relationship with Cebu City, Republic of the Philippines.

The Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts provided comments on the measure.

Your Committee amended to a CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. In the BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED clause, amends "Managing Director Designate" to "Managing Director."

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 239(26)

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Your Committee on International & Legal Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-184, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-184, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, Weyer – 8; Noes: None; Absent: Dos Santos-Tam – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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No. **26-184, CD1**

RESOLUTION

RENEWING THE CITY'S SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CEBU CITY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-212 establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") that govern the establishment and termination of the City's sister city and related relationships with other cities, including friendship city relationships ("Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines provide that sister cities should:

1. Share a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship with the residents of Honolulu;

2. Be similar in population size or character to Honolulu; and

3. Share common public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of business, trade, and tourism, or the mutual exchange of friendship, culture, education, and technology; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1990, the City Council ("Council") approved its sister city relationship with Cebu City through the adoption of Resolution 90-01; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that celebrating and reaffirming the vibrant, decades-long sister city relationship that Honolulu has maintained with Cebu City will continue to strengthen common public policy goals; increase opportunities for the mutual exchange of friendship, culture, education, and technology; and preserve the deep historical, cultural, and ethnic ties between the two cities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby approves the renewal of the City and County of Honolulu's sister city relationship with Cebu City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested and authorized to enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Cebu City, Republic of the Philippines, or the appropriate public official, to formalize the renewal of the sister city relationship; and

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor; the Managing Director; the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts; and the Mayor of Cebu City, Republic of the Philippines, or the appropriate public official.

INTRODUCED BY:

Scott Nishimoto

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

August 13, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Sister City Relationship; Renew; Cebu City, Republic of the Philippines

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