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Taiwan Minister to Address Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Honolulu -- Minister Jung-Tzer Lin, Taiwan Executive Yuan Minister without Portfolio and Governor of Taiwan Province, will be addressing the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs at an informational briefing on **Monday, April 15, 2013 at 10 a.m., in the State Capitol's Conference Room 414.**

Minister Lin will be discussing the significance of strengthening the existing sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the State of Hawai'i, which was established in 1993.

"We should continuously look for ways to strengthen our sister-state relationship with Taiwan. With the recent addition of Taiwan to the United States Visa Waiver Program, our economy is expected to get a boost from an increased number of visitors from the region," said Senator J. Kalani English, chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

To strengthen ties with Taiwan, the Legislature recently adopted [Senate Concurrent Resolution 61](#). The measure urges the Governor, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii; Board of Education and Hawaii congressional delegation to strengthen the sister-state relationship with Taiwan in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Hawai'i and Taiwan.

Senator English will be presenting a certified copy of the resolution to Minister Lin during the informational briefing.

"Hawai'i and Taiwan benefit greatly from this sister-state relationship. Along with the cultural exchange, ideas on the development of clean energy can be shared as well as many other important policymaking matters," said Senator English. "It's a win-win relationship."

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