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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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In consideration of
HCR67 / HR 68
**URGING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THE
INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND FUJIAN
PROVINCE.**

Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the following comments on HCR67/HR68 urging the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to recommend the initiation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and Fujian Province.

In 2006, the Legislature established the Hawaii Sister-State Committee. Its responsibilities include providing recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on proposed new sister-state relationships. Accordingly, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee has developed an extensive application process for entities seeking to establish a sister-state relationship with the State of Hawaii. The application requires detailed information on the level of community support in both counties to make the relationship sustainable. After submitting this very comprehensive application for a new sister-state relationship the Sister-State Committee meets and makes a recommendation to the Legislature and the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.