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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS

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State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HCR 284/HR 251
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND THE PROVINCE OF LIMA, PERU.

Chairs Awana and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Hashem and Choy and Members of the
Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the
following comments to HCR 284 and HR251, which request that the Governor establish a sister-
state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Lima, Peru.

The Hawaii Sister-State Committee was established by the Legislature in 2006 to advise
the Governor and the Legislature on matters relating to sister-state relations and relations in
general between the State of Hawaii international jurisdictions. DBEDT respectfully suggests
that the initiative mentioned in this measure be first undertaken by the Hawaii Sister-State
Committee to provide advice and recommendation prior to passing a resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.