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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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in consideration of
HCR 11 / HR 12
**URGING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII TO INVITE ALL APEC COUNTRIES TO
ESTABLISH HONORARY CONSULS IN HAWAII AHEAD OF THE 2011 APEC
SUMMIT.**

Chair Awana, Vice Chair Hashem and Members of the House Committee on
International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports HCR 11 / HR12, urging the Governor of Hawaii to invite all APEC countries to establish honorary consuls in Hawaii ahead of the 2011 APEC Summit.

Currently, eight of the 21 economies are represented by a consulate or honorary consul in the State of Hawaii. DBEDT agrees that urging the thirteen economies that are not currently represented in Hawaii to establish a presence, through an honorary consul, would strengthen Hawaii's relationship with the APEC economies.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this bill.