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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of  
**HCR 248, HR211**  
**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AND FOSTER  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

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

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the following comments to HCR 248 and HR211, which urge DBEDT to establish opportunities to develop and foster international relationships.

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 and 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.