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Statement of RICHARD C. LIM Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS Friday, February 7, 2014

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in consideration of HB 1565 RELATING TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Ward, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism offers comments on this proposed measure to have DBEDT conduct a study of the potential economic impacts that would result if the State were to observe daylight saving time.

DBEDT envisions that such a study will require extensive surveys, and one-on-one meetings with local businesses, educational institutions, county officials, labor organizations, and residential groups. The outcomes from these surveys and meetings will require modeling and interpretive analysis to determine energy savings. We request that funding for this initiative should not replace or adversely impact priorities already indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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