<u>SR 31</u>

URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAI'I AND TAIWAN.

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Statement of Richard C. Lim Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Chair English, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on

Transportation and International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports

SR 31 and SCR 61, which requests the Governor, the Department of Business, Economic

Development, and Tourism, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, the Board of

Education, and Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to strengthen Hawaii's sister-state relationship

with Taiwan in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between

Hawaii and Taiwan.

DBEDT continues to maintain a long and productive relationship with Taiwan in the areas of

clean energy technologies, trade, and education exchange due in large part to the State of Hawaii

Office in Taipei which DBEDT established in 1994.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony presented before the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs March 13, 2013 at 1:16 pm By Linda K. Johnsrud Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost, University of Hawai'i System

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Chair English, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i wholeheartedly supports SR 31 to strengthen the sister state relationship between Hawai'i and Taiwan on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship. UH looks forward to strengthening educational relationships between Hawai'i and Taiwan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.