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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY,
& INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Monday, March 30, 2015
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HCR 158, Proposed HD1
**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII
AND THE REGION OF GRAND CASABLANCA OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.**

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka and Members of the House Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HCR 158, Proposed HD1, which requests the Governor's approval to establish a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Region of Grand Casablanca of the Kingdom of Morocco.

In 2006, the Legislature established the Hawaii Sister State Committee. Its responsibility includes recommending to the Governor and the Legislature on proposed sister state relationships. Accordingly, the Hawaii Sister State Committee has developed an application and process for entities seeking to establish a sister-state relationship with the State of Hawaii. After review of a completed application, the Committee forwards its recommendation to the Governor and the Legislature for their review and decision.

We recommend that those entities pursuing a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Region of Grand Casablanca of the Kingdom of Morocco follow the process established by the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.