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COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII'S SISTER-
STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
GUANGDONG PROVINCE



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Chair Kahele, Vice Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism
and International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports
SR 34, which commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of Hawaii's sister-state relationship with
Guangdong Province in 2015.

In recognition of this occasion, DBEDT is planning a mission this year to Guangdong along
with the Study Hawaii Consortium – an organization consisting of 20 plus schools, colleges and
universities in Hawaii – to increase the number of students from China studying in Hawaii. This
mission will culminate with a networking event honoring the close ties of the sister-state relationship,
which can be brought even closer through educational exchanges.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.