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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO AMEND ITS MISSION STATEMENT TO EXPRESSLY INCLUDE
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS FRIENDLY CULTURE IN THE
STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
2 and Tourism is the primary agency tasked with promoting business
3 and economic development in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the primary objectives of the department are to
6 create broad policy determinations with respect to economic
7 development in the State and to stimulate opportunities that
8 offer the most immediate promise of expanding the State's
9 economy; and
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11 WHEREAS, supporting existing and emerging businesses;
12 attracting new investment and businesses that can create more
13 skilled, quality jobs in the State; and working to increase
14 exports of state products and services are critical to economic
15 development in the State; and
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17 WHEREAS, in order for existing and emerging businesses to
18 thrive in the State, and to attract new businesses, the State
19 must promote a business friendly culture; and
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21 WHEREAS, the mission statement of the department is a
22 declaration of department priorities and sets the tone for the
23 work of the department, department staff, and the State; and
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25 WHEREAS, the department's current mission statement is "to
26 support the development of a Hawaii economy that embraces
27 innovation; an economy that is globally competitive, dynamic,
28 and productive; and provides opportunities for all Hawaii's
29 citizens"; and



1 WHEREAS, it is important that the department expressly
 2 include in its mission statement the development of a business
 3 friendly culture in the State; now, therefore,

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 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 8 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to amend
 9 its mission statement to expressly include the development of a
 10 business friendly culture in the State; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is urged to
 13 consider adopting a mission statement that reads: "The
 14 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's
 15 mission is to support the development of a Hawaii economy that
 16 is business friendly, embraces innovation; an economy that is
 17 globally competitive, dynamic, and productive; and provides
 18 opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens."; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
 22 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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