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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
**AND**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
10:20 am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of  
**SB 2887**  
**RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.**

Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, Vice Chairs Rhoads and Taniguchi, and Committee Members.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports** SB 2887 appropriating funds relating to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hawaii-Taiwan Sister State relationship.

The business, cultural, educational and historical ties between Taiwan and Hawaii are numerous and longstanding. Since the signing of this sister state agreement in 1993, the State of Hawaii has established a trade and investment office in Taipei. This office has helped to reinforce exports of Hawaii's products and services to Taiwan, and investments from Taiwan.

The Taiwan-Hawaii relationship is important from an economic development standpoint. DBEDT supports building these relationships through cultural, educational and business exchanges supported by the Sister State agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**SB-2887**

Submitted on: 2/10/2018 10:49:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor Lim	Testifying on behalf of United Chinese Society of Hawaii	Support	No

## Comments:

The United Chinese Society of Hawaii is in full support of SB 2887 that will set up funds to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Sister State Relationship between Hawaii and Taiwan (The Republic of China). Thank you for allowing our organization to share our opinion. Aloah.

Victor Lim, President

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Submitted on: 2/11/2018 10:51:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gifford Chang	Testifying on behalf of Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii	Support	No

## Comments:

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii would like to request that you support this bill and appropriate the requested funds for the celebration of the immigration of the Taiwanese Overseas Chinese who have lived in Hawaii. Your support for the Taiwanese people is greatly appreciated.

Gifford Chang

President

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:43:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Huang	Testifying on behalf of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:47:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sean Huang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:52:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jay Huang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 10:02:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Swanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 2887 as this particular funding will help in strengthen the relationship between Taiwan and Hawaii and improve the understanding of the two communities. It will also help to attract more students and business to come to Hawaii to study and invest. It will also provide the opportunities in sharing the culture.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 9:54:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
wendy chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 9:57:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/14/2018 10:20:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
wang li-chuan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: