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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Friday, February 1, 2019 10:10 am State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of HB1338
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **offers comments** on HB1338, which establishes the China-Hawaii Economic Council.

DBEDT estimates that funding in the amount of \$100,000 for each year of the biennium is necessary to implement and undertake this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.