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Testimony of **Gwen Yamamoto Lau**Executive Director

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

before the

Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 1369
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM BUDGET

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and offer comments on House Bill 1369, relating to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (BED) Budget. HGIA testifies **in support** of House Bill 1369, which proposes to provide funding for the operations of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's designated program BED 138, HGIA. HGIA is respectfully requesting a correction to the funding request of \$71,045,000 to \$34,910,180 for FY19-20 and FY20-21, as follows:

| Description | Originally Requested | Corrected Amount |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| State Revolving Loan Fund Lending Ceiling | \$50,000,000 | \$15,000,000 |
| GEMS Bond Repayment Ceiling (no change) | \$13,300,000 | \$13,300,000 |
| Increase to GEMS Bond Repayment Ceiling (no change) | \$6,515,000 | \$6,515,000 |
| Fringe Benefits Increase | \$230,000 | \$95,180 |

Total Amount Requested: \$34,910,180

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer comments for House Bill 1369.