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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Friday, April 14, 2023  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of  
**SCR 178, SD1**  
**ENCOURAGING LOCAL COMPANIES AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION EVENTS IN  
SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO.**

Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers **comments** on SCR 178, SD1, which encourages local companies and industry partners to participate in the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) events in Seattle and San Francisco.

This resolution requests DBEDT to initiate plans if sufficient interest is generated for participation in the 2023 APEC events. The Department's role would be to conduct outreach to businesses to assess and determine their interest in participating as part of the APEC Hawai'i delegation.

DBEDT is in support of expanding the state's international ties and developing goodwill and economic and educational relations between the people of Hawai'i and the people of Asia-Pacific regional economies. The Department would like to note that without funding or revenue generating opportunities for businesses, it may be challenging to garner participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SCR-178-SD-1**

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Comments:

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House Committee CAI

April 14, 2023

TO: House Representatives Adrian Tam Chair of House Representatives Cultural Arts and International Affairs (CAI) Committee:

THRU: House Representatives Rose Martinez Vice Chair of Cultural Arts and International Affairs (CAI) Committee:

SUBJECT : Hawai‘i Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 178 S.D. 1 ( SCR 178 SD 1) on Encouraging Local Companies and Industry Partners to Participate in the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Events in Seattle and San Francisco.

Dear Representatives of Hawai‘i State House, Cultural Arts and International Affairs (CAI) Committee:

Aloha !

Good morning Representatives and colleagues at the Hawai'i House of Representatives. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on the SCR 178. S.D. 1.

I would like to stand with the SCR No. 178 SD 1, giving the responsibility to State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to conduct the Trade Shows and orchestrate it with the Honolulu Chamber of Commerces, to coordinate on a Statewide basis.

If you have any questions Please contact me at:Russell Honma@yahoo.com or call at(808) [265-5261](tel:8082655261).

Very Truly Yours,

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APEC Hawai'i

c/o: Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Award Nominee & Nominator for The APEC Organization  
(2012-2023)

cc: Governor Josh Green, State of Hawai'i

cc: Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke, State of Hawai'i

cc: Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi, State of Hawai'i

cc: Speaker Scott Saiki, State of Hawai'i