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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SB837
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM.**

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** SB837, which authorizes DBEDT to acquire real, personal, or mixed property; to clear, improve, and rehabilitate and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, dispose, or encumber the property; and acquire property by condemnation.

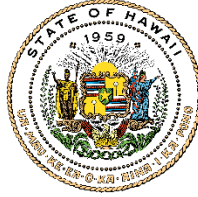
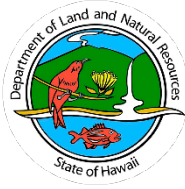
This measure empowers DBEDT's capacity to implement its objective of developing the economy of the State, including that which embraces innovation and is competitive, dynamic, and productive. DBEDT would be able to support projects that are beneficial to the development of multiple sectors and to create and boost economic opportunities for public benefit, with potential to address a wide array of the public's needs.

As DBEDT seeks to encourage and diversify economic activity, workforce and business development, we support the idea of acquiring properties that present financial opportunities for the State while stimulating economic growth and community revitalization.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 837.

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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 837
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
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Senate Bill 837 proposes to authorize the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to acquire real, personal, or mixed property; to clear, improve, and rehabilitate and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, dispose, or encumber the property; and acquire property by condemnation. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments and suggested amendment.**

As written, this measure empowers DBEDT to acquire real, personal, or mixed property; to clear, improve, and rehabilitate and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, dispose, or encumber the property; and acquire property by condemnation. While this measure gives DBEDT these powers, it does not expressly allow DBEDT to hold title to lands it may acquire. Therefore, the Department offers the following amendment adding the authority to acquire and hold title to real property as follows in **bold**:

(c) The department of business, economic development, and tourism may acquire **and hold title to**, or contract to acquire by grant or purchase real, personal, or mixed property or any interest therein; to clear, improve, and rehabilitate and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of or encumber the

same; and acquire property by condemnation pursuant to chapter 101.

The Department requests this amendment to ensure that the acquisition of title to any real property by DBEDT does not require the involvement of the Department or the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) pursuant to Section 171-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes (land acquisitions). Normally, acquisitions conducted by the Department are subject to approval by the Board and a rigorous due diligence process including title review, appraisal, land survey and environmental hazards study and possible mitigation. This would provide DBEDT with the discretion to conduct its due diligence in a manner it deems fit and appropriate under its circumstances.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.