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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
SCR 178 / SR 122
**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC
COOPERATION HAWAII' I DELEGATION TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC CORPORATION EVENTS IN SEATTLE AND SAN
FRANCISCO.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers **comments** on SCR 178 / SR 122, which requests the Governor to establish a 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Hawai'i delegation team to participate in the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation events in Seattle and San Francisco.

This resolution requests DBEDT to coordinate with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i, and neighbor island chambers of commerce to recommend trade show participants from Hawai'i to be included in the APEC Hawai'i delegation team.

DBEDT's role would be to conduct outreach to businesses to assess and determine their interest in participating in the trade show as part of the APEC Hawai'i delegation. The Department would like to note that without funding or revenue generating opportunities for businesses, it may be challenging to organize a trade show and garner participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
JOHN DE FRIES
Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND ARTS

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122 / SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 178
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A 2023 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC
COOPERATION HAWAII DELEGATION TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 ASIA-
PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION EVENTS IN SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the intent of SR122/SCR178, requesting the governor to establish a 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Hawai'i delegation team to participate in the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Events in Seattle and San Francisco. The theme of the conference is to promote cultural and language diversity and highlight the indigenous peoples throughout the communities of the Asia-Pacific region.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) as a regional economic forum has been leveraging the growing interdependence of Asia-Pacific since 1989. Hawai'i was proud to host this forum in 2011. The events in Seattle and San Francisco provide a unique opportunity to continue to develop and continue to strengthen relationships with the 21 members that make up APEC.

We support the intent of SR122/SCR178 and stand ready to provide a recommendation for trade show participants from Hawai'i to be included in the APEC Hawai'i Delegation team.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

SR-122

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 6:00:21 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/28/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this Resolution that is trying to move us toward a global government.