

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Technology (ECD)  
Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair**

**Friday, April 17, 2026, at 8:30AM  
Conference Room 430 & Videoconference**

**RE: SCR57 SD1 ENDORSING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF  
A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN AGREEMENT ON AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION, AND  
COMMEMORATING THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND TAIWAN.**

Aloha e Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sherry Menor, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber"). The Chamber supports SCR 57 Senate Draft 1 which endorses Taiwan's international participation and supports the negotiation of a United States–Taiwan agreement on the avoidance of double taxation.

Reducing double taxation is a critical step toward strengthening bilateral trade and investment. Double taxation creates unnecessary friction in cross-border commerce by increasing costs for businesses operating in both jurisdictions, discouraging investment, and limiting the efficient flow of capital. By supporting a formal tax agreement, this measure would help lower the cost of doing business and enhance the state's competitiveness as a hub for international trade. These benefits are particularly relevant for small and mid-sized enterprises that are disproportionately impacted by duplicative tax burdens.

Strengthening trade relationships with Taiwan has attractive economic benefits for Hawaii residents. Increased investment, business activity, and commercial exchange can contribute to job creation, supply chain resilience, and downward pressure on costs for goods and services. Over time, these effects can help improve the overall cost of living for constituents in both Hawaii and Taiwan. At a time when affordability and cost of doing business remain top concerns, this resolution offers an attractive opportunity for international economic stimulus.

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii is the state's leading business advocacy organization, dedicated to improving Hawaii's economy and securing Hawaii's future for growth and opportunity. Our mission is to foster a vibrant economic climate. As such, we support initiatives and policies that align with the 2030 Blueprint for Hawaii that create opportunities to strengthen overall competitiveness, improve the quantity and skills of available workforce, diversify the economy, and build greater local wealth.

We respectfully ask to pass SCR 57 Senate Draft 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.