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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY
AFFAIRS**
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of

HCR 192/HR 125
**ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND ASSESS HOW THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM MAY
BE RESTRUCTURED AND ITS MISSION REDIRECTED.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HCR 192/HR 125, which would establish a task force to assess the structure and mission of DBEDT.

We agree with the legislature that a thoughtful, objective, periodic review of the State's administrative structure and approach regarding economic development would be both appropriate and useful. We also agree that it is important to include other groups especially the Economic Development Boards in this process. We would suggest however, that the timing of this review may be most appropriate next year, so that the input and participation of the incoming new state administration could be incorporated into the review process.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.