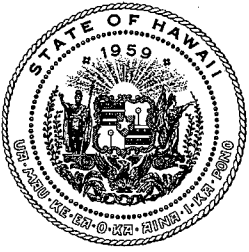


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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

SB 294 SD 1
RELATING TO STATE DEPARTMENTS.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) expresses concerns about SB 294 SD 1, which amends Section 201-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes concerning the nature of the organizations to which DBEDT may address recommendations on economic development matters. The bill replaces the term state “agency” and “agencies” with the terms “department” and “departments.”

It is unclear what problem or issue this proposed change is intended to address. In its efforts to pursue and coordinate economic development efforts, DBEDT feels that the broader term “agency” is better suited to the purpose of the section.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.