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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS

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11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HCR 148, HR129
**RELATING TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND INTELLECTUAL
BENEFITS.**

Chairs Awana and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Hashem and Choy and Members of the
Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the
following comments to HCR 148 and HR129, which seek to establish a sister-state relationship
between the State of Hawaii and Queensland, Australia for economic, cultural, and intellectual
benefits.

The Hawaii Sister-State Committee was established by the Legislature in 2006 to advise
the Governor and the Legislature on matters relating to sister-state relations and relations in
general between the State of Hawaii and international jurisdictions. DBEDT respectfully
suggests that the initiative mentioned in this measure be first undertaken by the Hawaii Sister-
State Committee to provide advice and recommendation prior to passing a resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.