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Statement of  
**Richard C. Lim**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**AND**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS**

Friday, April 1, 2011  
11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of  
**HCR 149, HR130**  
**REQUESTING A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP**  
**WITH THE MARITIME PROVINCE, RUSSIA, 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 149 and HR130, which seek to establish task force within DBEDT  
to establish a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Maritime Province,  
Russia 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.