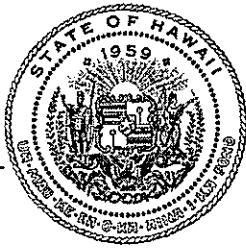


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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
1:17 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ROMY CACHOLA, for a term to expire 6-30-2014**

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Romy Cachola to a second term to the Hawaii Sister State Committee. Mr. Cachola was nominated by the Hawaii State Association of Counties and currently serves as the Chairman of the Committee.

Members of the Hawaii Sister State Committee are responsible for developing and evaluating recommendations for all Sister-state or province relationships, and forwarding their recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor for their approval. They are also responsible for periodically evaluating established sister-state relationships.

The ideal candidate should also have a strong interest in, and support the development of Hawaii as an international global leader. Mr. Cachola is well qualified to serve a second term on the Committee. He has had a long and distinguished career in public service including time

served in the Hawaii State Legislature and the City Council and has given generously of his time to serve on the boards of Hawaii organizations that have a strong focus on education, environment and inter-governmental relations.

Mr. Cachola can continue to provide outstanding service to the Hawaii Sister State Committee, and the Committee would be extremely fortunate to have him remain as a member for a second term. I urge you to give his nomination your strongest consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.