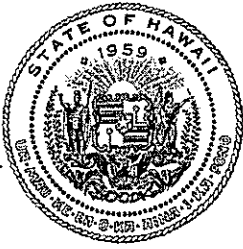


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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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

in consideration of  
**GM 858**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSEPH TANAKA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015**

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 Joseph Tanaka to serve on the Hawaii Sister State Committee. Mr. Tanaka was nominated by the President of Senate.

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. Tanaka has had a long and distinguished career in public service including chairing the Senate Committees on Tourism and Economic Development and, while on the Maui County Council, served as its Chair of Economic

Development. As a private businessman, Mr. Tanaka travelled extensively through Asia and Europe and has led business missions to countries in Asia and Europe.

The Committee would be extremely fortunate to have Mr. Tanaka as a member and I urge you to give his nomination your strongest consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.