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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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State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HB 1584
**RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES
TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

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

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports
the intent of HB 1584, which creates a commission to explore opportunities to foster
international relationships.

However, it's important to note that the measure may be duplicative. Under DBEDT, the
Hawaii Sister-State Committee currently advises the Governor and the Legislature on matters
relating to sister-state or province relations and relations in general between the State of Hawaii
and the states, provinces or prefectures of foreign countries. DBEDT respectfully suggests that
the initiatives mentioned in this measure may be undertaken by the Hawaii Sister-State
Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.