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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 145
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE HAWAII
ISTER-STATE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER

SISTER-STATE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PROVINCE OF BALL INDONESIA

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG ADJUTANT GENERAL

April 2, 2012

Chair Awana, Vice-Chair Hashem, and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Adjutant General, State Department of Defense. I am providing written comments in support of House Concurrent Resolution 145 which requests the establishment of a sister state relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Bali Indonesia.

As the national military strategy shifts to the Asia-Pacific region, it is important that we foster good relationships with as many states and nations within the Pacific Rim. The sister state relationship between Hawaii and Bali for health, science, technology, environment, trade, and investment would be a perfect example to other nations in the pacific region. This relationship would most likely create additional educational and employment opportunities for the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments supporting this resolution.

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Comments:

Hello Committee Members,

I would like to write in support of HR 107 and HCR 145, which both request that the Governor and Hawaii Sister-State Commission establish sister-state relations with Bali. It is my understanding that, like Hawaii, Bali is heavily reliant on tourism. Exchanges between Hawaii and Bali are therefore more likely to be meaningful and relevant to both parties' interests.