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Statement of
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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in consideration of
SCR 55, SD1

**REQUESTING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO REPORT TO THE
LEGISLATURE ON THE STATE'S STRATEGIC PLAN TO EXPAND ASIA-PACIFIC
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HAWAII BUSINESSES, AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
TO INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT THE PROGRESS OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

DBEDT supports SCR 55, SD1 and would be pleased to include in our annual report the progress of our business development plans and activities to expand Asia-Pacific business development opportunities for Hawaii businesses. We would like to note that efforts to expand the department's Asia-Pacific business development opportunities for Hawaii businesses have been constrained by our lack of funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.