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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

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1:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
SCR 55
**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE
STATE'S STRATEGIC PLAN TO EXPAND ASIA-PACIFIC BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HAWAII BUSINESSES, INCLUDING
TOURISM, HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY.**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

DBEDT supports SCR 55 and would be pleased to report on our business development plans and activities for the industry sectors cited. We would also like to note that efforts to expand Asia-Pacific business development opportunities for Hawaii businesses have been constrained by our lack of funding and the Lieutenant Governor has been designated as the State's lead for international affairs.

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