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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY,
& INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

8:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of

SCR 61, SD1

**URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, BOARD OF
EDUCATION, AND HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN THE
SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND TAIWAN.**

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SCR 61, SD1, which requests the Governor, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, the Board of Education, and Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to strengthen Hawaii's sister-state relationship with Taiwan in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Hawaii and Taiwan.

DBEDT continues to maintain a long and productive relationship with Taiwan in the areas of clean energy technologies, trade, and education exchange due in large part to the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei which DBEDT established in 1994.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.