

# GM539

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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS**

Thursday, April 6, 2017  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of  
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Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEBRA NAKAMA,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2019.**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair English and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Debra Nakama to the Hawaii Sister State Committee.

Members of the Hawaii Sister State Committee are responsible for developing and evaluating recommendations for all sister-state or province relationships, and forwarding their recommendations to the Legislature. They are also responsible for periodically evaluating established sister-state relationships.

The ideal candidate for the Sister State Committee would have a broad range of international experience, including overseas travel. The candidate should also have a strong interest in, and support the development of, Hawaii as an international global leader.

Ms. Nakama is superbly qualified to be a member of the Committee, having been involved with international related activities and issues.

Ms. Nakama can provide outstanding service to the Hawaii Sister State Committee, and the Committee would be extremely fortunate to have her as a member. I urge you to give his nomination your strongest consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.