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Statement of  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND  
TECHNOLOGY**

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3:15p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of  
**HB 975, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HB 975, HD 1, which creates an advisory council for global economic competitiveness of fifteen or more knowledgeable representatives to recommend policy, so long as it does not displace Administration priorities.

DBEDT estimates that funding in the sum of \$150,000 for each year of the upcoming biennium is necessary to implement this bill and undertake the tasks specified.

DBEDT also recommends that in the sections where the bill designates the “governor and the director of the department of business, economic development and tourism” as ex-officio members, and in the case of the DBEDT director as co-chair, it should be followed by the provision “or their/his designate.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## ETT Testimony

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### **HB975**

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