

SB1125

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE STATE OF GOA, REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

Report Title: State of Goa, Republic of India; Sister-State Office; DBEDT; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds to DBEDT for the establishment of a State of Hawaii sister-state office in the State of Goa, Republic of India.

Companion: HB1224

Package: None

Current Referral: IAA/ETT, WAM

Introducer(s): TANIGUCHI



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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS
AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY**

Thursday, February 9, 2017
2:45p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

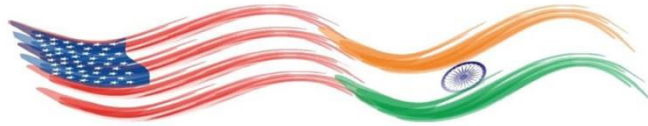
In consideration of
SB 1125
RELATING TO THE STATE OF GOA, REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, Vice-Chairs English and Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports the intent** of SB 1125, which establishes and appropriates funds for a Sister-State office in the State of GOA, Republic of India, so long as it does not displace Administration priorities.

While DBEDT does operate trade and investment offices in Beijing and Taipei, DBEDT does not have Sister-State offices. Furthermore, funding for overseas offices have always been challenging, even for more established markets such as Greater China.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Hawaii India Chapter * Indian American Friendship Council

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ETT/IAA/WAM committee (s)

Measure title: Relating to the State of Goa, Republic of India

Hearing scheduled on February 9, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 229

Testimony in support of SB 1125

I **strongly support SB 112**, to establish a State of Hawaii sister-state office in the State of Goa, Republic of India. Opening of such an office will educate and inform the people of Goa about Hawaiian products. Currently, India is an economic leader in South Asia. It will help plan and set up new businesses and promote trade and culture. Passing such an important bill will allow Hawaii to explore new markets in Goa. This will increase trade and tourism creating more jobs, generating higher revenues and hence improving Hawaii's economy.

It is very important to build a mutual relationship not only between two great states but also between two large democratic nations in the world.

It will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture, wellness and health, solar energy, culinary programs and Information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and Universities in both states. We will be proud to introduce our Hawaiian music and dance to the people of Goa.

These two states also share similar cultural values and live in harmony with people of different faith and religions.

This act of investment will pay good dividends in the future. The people of Hawaii and our generations will benefit from this State of Hawaii sister-state office in the State of Goa, Republic of India.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 7:47 PM
To: IAA Testimony
Cc: creativecuisine108@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1125 on Feb 9, 2017 14:45PM

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Submitted on: 2/5/2017

Testimony for IAA/ETT on Feb 9, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madana Sundari	Creative Cuisine	Support	Yes

Comments: Our company Creative Cuisine is very supportive of SB1125. We believe establishing an official office in Hawaii's sister city Goa India will benefit our islands in many ways. This will help to strengthen the bond and commitment between us. This will help create more opportunity for cultural exchange ,and educational diversity. Also there will be a solid bases for promoting tourism and increased economics.....Madana Sundari owner

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Cc: joshuapatwood@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB1125 on Feb 9, 2017 14:45PM*

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Submitted on: 2/7/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josh Atwood	Individual	Support	No

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I feel it is important to set up offices in Hawaii and Goa-India. This will promote Tourism, trade; exchange Students for education benefits, & cultural exchange.

I have been a Real Estate Agent for 27 years and see the opportunity for sales coming to Hawaii from Goa and other parts of India.

We have the SCR20 bill past already for sister states between Hawaii and Goya.

We need to keep moving forward to get people to go back and forth now.

Aloha,

Debbie Young R

Help-U-Sell Honolulu Properties

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 1:11 PM
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robert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Honolulu, HI 96822

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I have been Vice President of Gandhi International Institute for Peace since its inception. (off 792-0455, home 538-6202, harenp2009@hotmail.com)

I strongly support SB 1125, to establish a State of Hawaii Sister-State Office in the State of Goa, Republic of India. Opening of such an office will educate and inform the people of Goa about Hawaiian products, way of life, etc. Hawaii has a lot of people of Portuguese ancestry, and Goa is a former Portuguese Overseas Territory. It will help plan and set up new businesses and promote trade and culture. Passing such an important bill will allow Hawaii to explore new markets in Goa. This will increase trade and tourism, thus creating more jobs, generating higher revenues, and hence improving Hawaii's economy.

It will allow Hawaii to explore the knowledge and expertise in the areas of tourism, agriculture, wellness and health, solar energy, culinary programs and information technology that Goa has to offer. This will also encourage educational, sports and cultural exchange programs between schools and universities in both states. We will be proud to introduce our Hawaiian music and dance to the people of Goa.

Both Goa and Hawaii are thriving, prime, well developed ocean front tourist destinations, and can benefit from experiences of each other.

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Name: Anand Vyas Anand Vyas

Phone: _____

Email:

Date: 2/7/2017

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Name:

Craig Shell

Phone:

Email:

Date:

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Name: Deanne Lee DGT

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Name: *Grace Warrick*

Phone: _____

Email:

Date: *2/8/17*

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Name:


JAMES A. AUGUST

Date:

02/06/17

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Name:

Joey Prince Arafat / Cafe Maharani

Phone:

Email:

Date:

Feb 07 / 17

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Name: Kabir Chowdhury / Cafe Taj Mahal

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: 02/07/17

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Name:

Terry Shindani Terry Shindani

Phone:

Email:

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Name: Teri June Amuro Teri June Amuro

Phone: _____

Email: ✓

Date: 2/11/17

MoX Wellness Center

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Name: Steve Ichikawa



Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date:

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Name: SANDRA UYEHARA 

Phone:

Email:

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Name: Ruby Gines

Phone:

Email:

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Name: RICHARD MILLS

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Name: PHILIP JADHAV



Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Name: *Mostafa Saad*

Phone: _____

Email:

Date: *02/07/17*

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Name: LYNTELLUS J. BOYD 

Phone: _____

Email:

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Name: Karen K. Lwin



Phone:

Email:

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Name: *Sauka Notani*

Date: *2/7/17*

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Name: Taumase Toomalatai

Date: 02/07/17

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Name: JAVELYNE SEGI

Date: 2/07/18

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Name: *Anthony Alvarez*

Date: *2/17/2017*

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Name: *JOSHUA Amaral - Antonio*

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