

# SB349

Measure Title: RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Report Title: China-Hawaii Economic Council; Economic Development; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Establishes the China-Hawaii Economic Council to further economic relations between China and Hawaii. Appropriations.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: ETT/IAA, WAM

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

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

In consideration of  
**SB 349**  
**RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports the intent** of SB 349, which establishes the China-Hawaii Economic Council, so long as it does not displace Administration priorities.

DBEDT estimates that funding in the amount of \$200,000 for each year of the biennium is necessary to implement and undertake this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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>>>> To: Senate Joint Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology and International Affairs and Art:

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>>>> Subject: Written Testimony on S.B. No. 349, Relating to Economic Development, China-Hawaii Economic Council: By Russell Honma, APEC Master Plan Author, APEC Hawaii:

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>>>> Aloha !

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>>>> It gives me pleasure to testify today at your Senate Joint Committee on Economic Development, Tourism & Technology (ETT) and International Affairs & Art (IAA) for S.B. No. 138. For the record my name is: Russell Honma, Author of the APEC Master Plan, APEC Hawaii. First and foremost, I do support this measure on S.B. No. 349 relating to establishing an 'China-Hawaii Economic Council' here in Hawaii.

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>>>> First and foremost, the history of Hawaii and China has been a 'Cornerstone' for Asians to come to Hawaii for a new life and opportunity. Whereas, the Chinese living in Hawaii is roughly 4.7 of the populations and 75% percent are Cantonese people with ancestor from Zhongshan in Guangdong Province. However, if you included mix Chinese and Hawaii descendant. Them 1/3 of Hawaii's entire population is Chinese-Hawaiian 'Hakka' ancestry.

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>>>> Whereas, History tells us that Chinese came from Guangdong Province in 1778 and most of the Chinese immigrants came to Hawaii in the mid-late 19th Century with 46,000 immigrants. Whereas, by the year of 1950 most of the Chinese Americans men was educated and had good professional jobs and became good contributing American citizen in Hawaii.

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>>>> Whereas, today China has become a Global Power and is also a emerging market and is the second largest Country after United States of America and it's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) sales of US\$ 12.4 Trillion dollars per year and project growth of 7 % percent GDP growth in 2017.

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>>>> Therefore, for those reason I support this S.B. No. 349 on establishing a Hawaii-China Economic Council. If you have any questions please contact me at:[Russellhonma@yahoo.com](mailto:Russellhonma@yahoo.com) or call at:(808) 265-5261.

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>>>> Best wishes and All goes best !

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>>>> Very truly yours,

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>>>> Russell Honma

>>>> APEC Master Plan Author

>>>> APEC Hawaii

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>>>> c/o: United States Trade Representatives -Trade Delegate on APEC Master Plan

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