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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEES ON
VETERANS, MILITARY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & CULTURE AND THE
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State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of

HCR 172 / HR 144
REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO EVALUATE THE
SISTER-STATE PROGRAM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE
CAPACITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

Chairs LoPresti and Evans, Vice Chairs Fukumoto and Keohokalole, and Members of the
Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT supports
the intent of HCR 172 / HR 144, which requests the Hawaii Sister-State Committee and DBEDT
to evaluate the Sister-State program and make recommendations to improve the capacity and
sustainability of the efforts to promote mutually beneficial international relationships.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.