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| Victor Lim          | United Chinese Society of Hawaii | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

The United Chinese Society of Hawaii strongly supports SB 2887 SD1 to fund monies to celebrate the 25 th. anniversary of the Sister State Celebration between Hawaii and Taiwan (The Republic of China). Thank you.

Victor Lim, President



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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of  
**SB 2887, SD1**  
**RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.**

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports** SB 2887, SD1, appropriating funds relating to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hawaii-Taiwan Sister State relationship.

The business, cultural, educational and historical ties between Taiwan and Hawaii are numerous and longstanding. Since the signing of this sister state agreement in 1993, the State of Hawaii has established a trade and investment office in Taipei. This office has helped to reinforce exports of Hawaii's products and services to Taiwan, and investments from Taiwan.

The Taiwan-Hawaii relationship is important from an economic development standpoint. DBEDT supports building these relationships through cultural, educational and business exchanges supported by the Sister State agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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| Melodie Aduja       | OCC Legislative<br>Priorities Committee,<br>Democratic Party of<br>Hawai'i | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: