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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
3:15pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
SB 1396
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, Vice Chairs Ihara and Taniguchi and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **offers comments** on SB 1396, which establishes the China-Hawaii Economic Council:

- The China-Hawaii Economic Council, similar to the defunct Japan-Hawaii Economic Council, should be private sector driven and not government sponsored,
- DBEDT estimates that funding in the amount of \$100,000 for each year of the biennium is necessary to implement and undertake this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SB-1396

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Testimony for LCA on 2/12/2019 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: