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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

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State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
SCR57
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON POPULATION DECLINE IN THE
STATE.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) appreciates the intent of this bill and the trust in our ability to conduct this study regarding the population decline in the state.

The major task for this study would be to conduct a survey of former residents who moved out of Hawaii. Conducting a survey of migrants from Hawaii in all fifty states would be extremely costly, and there are no resources allocated for this study. Given the resource and data limitations, we would try our best to conduct the study. However, we would also like to provide a note of caution that the study may not be as comprehensive as expected by legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.