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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Friday, May 15, 2020
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
GM 669
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII'
SISTER STATE COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEAN ROLLES,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024.**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports GM 669, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Sister State Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Jean E. Rolles**, for a term to expire 6-30-2024.

Jean E. Rolles, born in Honolulu and a graduate of Punahou School, received her Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University and Master of Science in Japanese Business Studies from Chaminade University.

Before joining Outrigger Hotels, Jean helped established the original Chuck's Steak House restaurant in 1959 and worked 25 years for the company, which developed into a chain of 50 restaurants throughout the United States. Jean joined Outrigger Hotels Hawai'i in 1982 as property manager for five hotels and eventually expanded to all of the commercial space, which encompassed 300 leases in 21 hotels. In 1998, she was promoted to Vice President of Community Relations at Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.

Jean currently serves on 10 boards including the American Red Cross, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Pacific Asian Affairs Council, Honolulu Academy of Arts, and Chaminade Board of Regents, C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., Crown Prince Akihito

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Scholarship Foundation, Hawaii Opera Theatre, Japan America Society of Honolulu, and the Pacific Forum.

In addition, she devotes much of her time to community affairs, including the Advisory Council for the Shidler College of Business, Kennedy Center-National Committee for the Performing Arts, Pacific Air Forces Civilian Advisory Council, and Yushinkai (Urasenke-Hawaii). She has also served as an Iolani Palace docent for over 40 years.

We humbly ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Jean E. Rolles to the Hawaii Sister State Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.