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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

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In consideration of
SB3088, SD2
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB3088, SD2, which provides funding to DBEDT for the support of sister state relations.

Significant anniversaries are planned for some of Hawaii's closest and most active sister states in 2020 and 2021. Economic, cultural and educational events in conjunction with these anniversaries would help boost trade, travel and other business, in addition to the goodwill engendered originally through the establishment of a sister state relationship.

We support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.