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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

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

Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, Vice Chairs Ihara and Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of SB3088, 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.

**SB-3088**

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Testimony for LCA on 2/12/2020 2:45:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b>         | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Jennifer Azuma<br>Chrupalyk | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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