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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
10:00 AM
State Capitol Room 312, Video Conference

In consideration of
HCR85/HR76
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF
DOMESTIC OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.**

Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Holt and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent and provides comments regarding HCR85/HR76, which requests DBEDT to conduct a study on the economic impacts of domestic out-of-state students on Hawaii's economy.

This resolution references a previous report conducted by DBEDT that examined the economic impact of international students in Hawaii. It is important to note that the sample size for a domestic student survey would be larger than the international student study. Compiling the sampling frame would require DBEDT to coordinate with organizations including the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and the Hawaii Department of Education.

We estimate that the cost of coordinating and conducting the survey to be \$50,000, including designing the survey, collecting and analyzing the data, and compiling the report. Furthermore, we respectfully request that the report due date be extended to September 1, 2023, to allow time for the survey to be conducted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.