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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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In consideration of
SR124
**URGING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THE INITIATION OF A
SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND THE SPANISH PROVINCE OF THE
BALEARIC ISLANDS.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on **SR124** which urges the Hawaii Sister-State committee to recommend the initiation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the Spanish province of the Balearic Islands.

In 2006, the Legislature established the Hawaii Sister-State Committee. Its responsibility includes providing recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on proposed sister-state relationships. Accordingly, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee has developed an application and process for entities seeking to establish a sister-state relationship with the State of Hawaii. After submitting a comprehensive application for this new sister-state relationship, the Sister-State Committee can review and make a recommendation to the Legislature and the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.