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## Statement of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA Director

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 1:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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