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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM,
AND TECHNOLOGY**

Friday, April 6, 2018
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of
GM 689
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic
Development Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANE HORIKE, for a term to
expire 06-30-2021.**

Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports GM 689, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Ms. Jane Horike**, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

The Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Program was created by the Legislature for the purpose of establishing a program of technical assistance and financial assistance for community-based organizations to assist in the establishment and development of community-based enterprises in the State. Among other duties, the CBED Advisory Council makes recommendations to the department regarding the appropriateness of proposed activity or enterprise, and the department then has the final authority to approve or disapprove loan and grant applications for assistance.

Ms. Horike has been a Hawaii County employee since 2000, and currently serves as an Economic Development Specialist III in the County's Research and Development Division. Her duties include planning, organizing and conducting research and preparing analyses to develop product promotion and industrial expansion programs. She also identifies and develops opportunities for the expansion of existing businesses and coordinates the promotion of new businesses. Ms. Horike also is charged with the responsibility of providing grants from the County to non-profits for community economic development.

Ms. Horike, as an Economic Development Specialist III with the Hawaii County Government, has worked with our department, Enterprise Zone and Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Programs, for a number of years. She also currently serves as the Hawaii Island Enterprise Zone (EZ) Coordinator, EZ County liaison with our department, and Interim CBED Advisory Council Member.

Our CBED Program Manager, Wayne Thom, has known and worked with Ms. Horike since 2000 in her capacity as an Economic Development Specialist. Ms. Horike is the one person on Hawaii Island that introduced Wayne to many of the community leaders on the island when he first started in the manager position. It is well known that Ms. Horike is very familiar with the needs and values of Hawaii Island's communities.

We firmly believe the nomination of Ms. Jane Horike to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council would serve the State, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and CBED Program well.

The experience, skills, and commitment Ms. Horike brings to the CBED Program and CBED Advisory Council will prove invaluable to our State, Department and our communities.

We humbly ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of **Ms. Jane Horike** to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.