

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2558
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2558, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CREATIVE LAB HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to diversify Hawaii's economy through the development of innovation and knowledge-based industries by appropriating funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to:

- (1) Enable Creative Lab Hawaii, a collaborative creative industry development accelerator program, to expand its programs and services to three neighbor islands and develop high school programs in partnership with the Department of Education; and
- (2) Establish one full-time equivalent Creative Lab Hawaii project coordinator position.

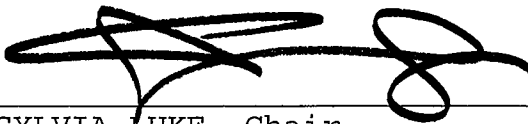
The Office of Economic Development of the County of Kauai, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, PEN Music Group, Inc., Oceanna, Secret Road, and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and Hawaii Technology Development Corporation commented on this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making the appropriation and allocation of funds unspecified amounts, and the position(s) an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2558, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2558, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



