

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 4, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2217  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create a highly skilled labor force to meet the increased workforce needs of industries and occupations having potential for high job growth by:

- (1) Allowing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish work groups to assist in identifying workforce trends, determining skill sets required for jobs being created or modified, and developing training to prepare qualified workers; and
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds therefor.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Hawaii Primary Care Association testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this bill.

The development and rise of new economic industries in Hawaii have created the need for the development of a labor force with various, and often increasingly specialized, skill sets. Having a qualified workforce with the needed skill sets would support the establishment and growth of new industries and enable businesses



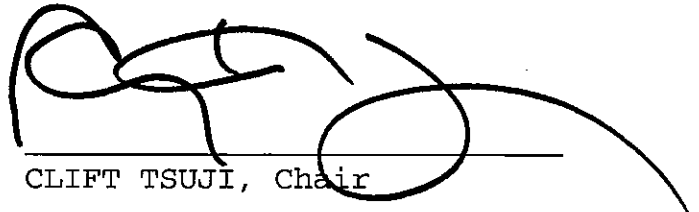
to use local workers. The establishment of work groups to address these workforce needs and solve long-term workforce issues would have a positive impact not only on Hawaii's workforce, but on Hawaii's economy as well.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 20, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2217</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDB, LAB, FIN</b>	Date: <b>11/3/14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. WARD, Gene (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen				/
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
8. OHNO, Takashi	/			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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