

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3040

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2217
H.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2217, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize and appropriate funds for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish working groups to identify high growth industries and workforce needs and to develop training programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committees find that Hawaii is the most geographically isolated archipelago in the world and has an economy that currently depends on very few and finite resources. With an economy heavily dependent on the military and tourism, developing dependable industries that will stabilize and grow the economy is vital for the State's continued development.

Your Committees further find that, to create conditions that would energize the development of new economic industries in Hawaii, a partnership consisting of educational and workforce and labor development sources would foster the private-sector


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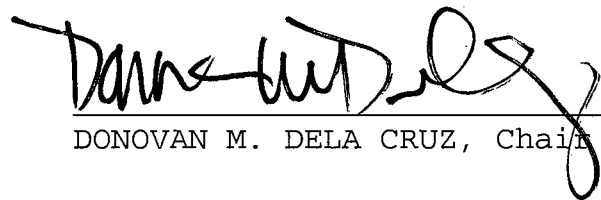
confidence necessary for investors to consider developing new industries in Hawaii and ensure the hiring of residents who have been educated in these high-skill, high-wage industries. Models of coordinated, sustained, and collaborative partnerships directed toward workforce development and training rely on working groups consisting of representatives of specific targeted industries, education, and the workforce community to help identify emerging workforce trends, determine skills required, and develop education and training to produce qualified workers with the necessary skills. The relationships established through these working groups will be essential to leverage workforce development efforts within these partnerships.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2217, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development, Government
Operations and Housing and
Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair

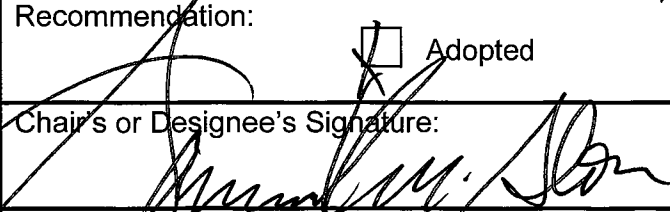


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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2217 HD2	EGH/JDL, WAM	3/17/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
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