

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2180
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2180, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen our economy by establishing two new programs within the University of Hawaii community college system that will provide vocational and industrial training. Specifically, this bill establishes:

- (1) The Rapid Response Development and Training Program, aimed at expediting the employment of unemployed and underemployed persons who cannot reasonably be expected to obtain full-time employment without receiving training; and
- (2) The Construction Academy, to address the shortage of employees in the rapidly growing construction industry.

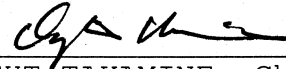
The University of Hawaii, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, and Pacific Resource Partnership testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.



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. 2180, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2180, H.D. 2.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



