

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2199
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on International Affairs and Economic Development & Business Concerns, to which was referred H.B. No. 2199 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit binding the State to government procurement rules contained in an international trade agreement without legislative action.

Public Citizen Global Trade Watch supported this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism submitted comments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the chapter of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to be amended from Chapter 26, HRS, to Chapter 103D, HRS;
- (2) Excluding from the definition of "international trade agreement" memoranda of agreement made by the State with a foreign country or its sub-national entities to which the United States is not a party; and



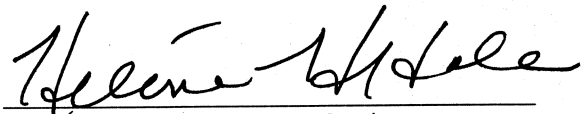
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on International Affairs and Economic Development & Business Concerns that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2199, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on International
Affairs and Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



HELÈNE H. HALE, Chair



