

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2947
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. 2947, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist unemployed individuals and to develop a skilled workforce by:

- (1) Conforming state statute to federal law to allow the use of Reed Act funds distributed in 2002 to provide unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and for the administration of the State's UI system, including its public employment offices;
- (2) Allocating \$20,000,000 of the \$31,000,000 in Reed Act funds to:
 - (A) Plan, develop, and implement a computer system for workforce development activities of the counties;
 - (B) Provide additional funding to the county workforce investment boards for, among other things, employer outreach services, labor force pool expansion, and capacity building;

and



- (3) Providing funds to Oahu's workforce investment board.

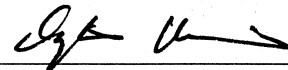
The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of the Attorney General commented on this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2947, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2947, H.D. 2.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



