

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 131

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.R. No. 131 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM AND THE NATURAL ENERGY
LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO
SEEK AUTHORIZATION FROM THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES
BOARD TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A FOREIGN-TRADE
ZONE AT THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY'S
SCIENCE AND OCEAN TECHNOLOGY PARK AT KAILUA-KONA ON THE
ISLAND OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to help Hawaii's businesses
compete in external markets by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and the Natural Energy
Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) to continue their
efforts in seeking authorization to establish a foreign-
trade zone (FTZ) at NELHA's technology park in Kailua-
Kona, Hawaii; and
- (2) Requesting the United States Foreign-Trade Zones Board
to look favorably upon DBEDT and NELHA's application to
establish an FTZ.

DBEDT and NELHA testified in support of this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 131 and recommends its adoption.

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



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



