

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 27, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2199
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

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

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by, among other things:

- (1) Eliminating retroactive actions on international agreements signed prior to the effective date of this bill;



- (2) Clarifying that international relationships such as sister-state or sister-city agreements between a state or county and a foreign nation or its sub-national entity are excluded from the international trade agreements that must gain legislative approval;
- (3) Requiring the Revisor of Statutes to remain mindful of the obligations of the State specified in international trade agreements to which the State is a consenting party and annotate statutes affected by this Act; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


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