

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1379
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1379, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

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 conform the State Unemployment Insurance (UI) law to federal law by:

- (1) Excluding services by certain temporary migrant agricultural workers who are residents of foreign countries from the employment security law; and
- (2) Treating Indian tribes similarly to government and nonprofit groups in providing coverage under the employment security law.



Hawaii is currently experiencing a worker shortage, and many businesses, especially agricultural industries, have been forced to hire employees from foreign countries on a temporary basis. Under current law, these businesses are required to pay state unemployment taxes on these individuals even though they will never qualify to collect unemployment benefits. This measure attempts to remedy this situation.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by 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. 1379, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1379, H.D. 1, 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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



ALEX M. SONSON, Co-Chair



BOB NAKASONE, Co-Chair



