

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1075

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1503  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1503 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen protections for dislocated workers by amending Hawaii's Dislocated Workers Law to:

- (1) Expand the 60-day notification requirements to employees and the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations (Director) of the closing of covered establishments; and
- (2) Impose penalties on an employer who fails to notify the Director or employees of a closing, partial closing, divestiture, or relocation of a business.

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO and ILWU Local 142 testified in support of this bill. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii opposed this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1503, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1503, H.D. 1.

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

  
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TOMMY WATERS, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1503 (HSCR 135)		<b>Date:</b> 2/27/07		
<b>Committee Referral:</b> JUD		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)	/			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)	/			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	/			
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	/			
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
8. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
9. MORITA, Hermina M.	/			
10. SONSON, Alex M.	/			
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
12. TSUJI, Clift	/			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	/		/	
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		/		
17. THIELEN, Cynthia				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	14	1	1	1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> 				
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