

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1561

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1561 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish labor representation procedures in real property development projects in which the State or counties have an ongoing proprietary interest.

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO and ILWU, Local 142 testified in support of this bill. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Office of Collective Bargaining, and the Senior Policy Advisor testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that this bill will avoid the additional costs when labor-management conflicts occur in development projects in which the State or a county has proprietary interest. Specifically, this bill will require certain employers to agree to nonconfrontational and expeditious procedures by which their workers can register their preference regarding union representation. This procedure is referred to as "crosscheck" or "card check". This alternative procedure will encourage State and county participation in these projects by preventing construction delays, work stoppages, picketing, strikes, consumer boycotts, and similar problems when formal and adversarial union certification processes deteriorate into protracted and acrimonious labor-management conflicts.

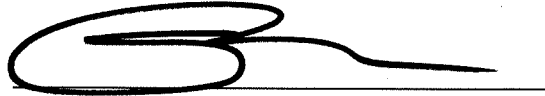
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1561 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



