

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1324

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2007

RE: H.B. No. 312  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred H.B. No. 312, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Hawaii Community-Based Economic Development Technical and Financial Assistance Program (Program).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Planning; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Maui Office of Economic Development; Kauai Office of Economic Development; Kaua'i Community College; National Kidney Foundation; Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development; Hawai'i Small Business Development Center; Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.; Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance, Inc.; The Arc of Kauai; Empower Oahu; Wai'anae Coast Coalition; Kona Pacific Farmers Cooperative; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the business community, nonprofit organizations, and other entrepreneurs require a functional, service-oriented agency that is readily available to provide



business counseling, financial backing, and general support to foster real community-based economic development of the various products and services demonstrating and embracing Hawaii's diversified economy. The Program was established for this purpose by Act 111, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 1990, codified as chapter 210D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which states in part in section 210D-1, HRS, that "[i]t is in the best interest of the State to bring about a diversification of opportunities in all aspects of life for the residents and communities of the State. Community-based enterprises play an important part in providing a diversification of opportunities for Hawaii's residents and communities."

Your Committee finds that this measure is in keeping with the State's stated commitment under Act 211, SLH 1990.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue the discussion in its merits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 312, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 312, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

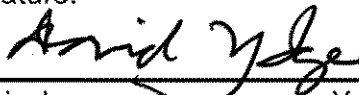
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Taxation,

  
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CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Economic Development and Taxation**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 312 HD2	EDT, WAM	3/22/2007		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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