

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1502

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Labor & Public
Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1502 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEWORK,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the impacts of traffic
congestion on the environment, encourage a better quality of life
for Hawaii's workers, and reduce Hawaii's dependence on fossil
fuels by establishing a telework task force to develop a
comprehensive plan to encourage and expand telework opportunities
in Hawaii.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, ComTel, Leeward Oahu
Transportation Management Association, and several concerned
individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of
Human Resources Development submitted comments.

Telework is a concept that is growing across the nation.
Today's technology allows people to perform the same functions
they perform at work in their own homes using the internet and
personal computers. Teleworking also provides a number of
additional benefits including savings on transportation costs,
reduced traffic congestion as less cars are needed to transport
people to and from work, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
due to the reduction in car use, and a better quality of life as
people spend more time at home with their families than on the
road.

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Although some businesses currently use the concept of telework in Hawaii, your Committees find that establishing a task force to determine methods to encourage and expand this concept is a step in the right direction.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1502 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Labor & Public Employment,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1502	Committee Referral: TRN/LAB, FIN	Date: 2/11/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	✓			
2. AWANA, Karen Leinani (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.		✓		
5. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
8. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.		✓		
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.		✓		
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL (12)	9	3	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Karen Awana</i></u>				
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