

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

85

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1603  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, &  
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1603 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII'S ECONOMY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to give State decision makers the information needed to make Hawaii a successful player in the global economy by appropriating funds for the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) to contract with consultants with expertise in international and local economic analysis to make a diagnostic assessment of the conditions, challenges, and opportunities facing the State.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and LRB offered comments on this bill.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's economy and global economic conditions have changed drastically during the past few years. The report proposed in this bill is intended to give the State's leaders a clear understanding of the global forces that currently influence the State's economy, the State's relative competitiveness, and policies and options that are available to place the State on an optimal development path.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

HB1603 HD1 HSCR EBM HMS 2009-1853



- (1) Replacing LRB with DBEDT as the agency that will contract with the necessary consultants; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1603, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Revitalization, Business, &  
Military Affairs,



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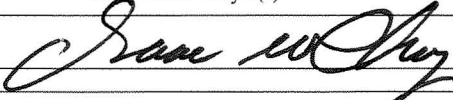
ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1603	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EBM	<b>Date:</b> 02/05/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
<del>6. TAKAI, K. Mark</del>				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. TSUJI, Clift				✓
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	7			3
<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; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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