

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1603
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide our State's leaders with the key information necessary for Hawaii to be a player in the global economy.

This bill directs the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to:

- (1) Prepare a diagnostic assessment of the conditions, challenges, and opportunities facing the State; and
- (2) Develop an overall strategy to address the challenges.

Funds are appropriated to contract out-of-state economic consultants to undertake the diagnostic assessment.

Several individuals testified in support of this bill. DBEDT supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Legislative
Management,



JAMES KUNAME TOKIOKA, Chair



