

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2524

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2324  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2324, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that a claimant receiving partial unemployment benefits is not disqualified from receiving benefits upon separating from an employer that offers only part-time employment.

Your Committee finds that an employee who normally works full-time is entitled to receive partial unemployment benefits when the employee's hours are reduced. Your Committee believes that the unemployment insurance laws should not penalize the employee for voluntarily seeking part-time employment elsewhere to supplement those partial unemployment benefits. Accordingly, your Committee further finds that if the employee should terminate from the part-time employer, the employee should not be disqualified from receiving benefits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on this measure; and



- (2) Making technical amendments to the measure including adding relevant definitions from Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009 to the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2324, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2324, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral:   | Date:                                 |                                  |          |
| SB 2324 SDI   | LBR, WAM  | 2.23.10                               |                                  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ |   |                                       |                                  |          |
| The Recommendation is:  |   |                                       |                                  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br>2312  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br>2311 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br>2310 |                                  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>2313   |   |                                       |                                  |          |
| Members   | Aye   | Aye (WR)                              | Nay                              | Excused  |
| KIM, Donna Mercado (C)  | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)   | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne   | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani  | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol   |   |                                       |                                  | /        |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood  | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| HEE, Clayton  |   |                                       |                                  | /        |
| HOOSER, Gary L.   | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| KIDANI, Michelle N.   | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| KOKUBUN, Russell S.   | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| TOKUDA, Jill N.   | /   |                                       |                                  |          |
| HEMMINGS, Fred  |   |                                       |                                  | /        |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>                         | <b>3</b> |
| Recommendation:   |   |                                       |                                  |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |                                  |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  |   |                                       |                                  |          |
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