

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 776

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 169
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 169, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address unemployment in the State by:

- (1) Establishing an optional total unemployment rate trigger that will enable the State to access federal extended benefits to allow unemployed workers to receive unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks beyond that provided by the State; and
- (2) Appropriating \$145,000 for fiscal year 2011-2012 for an automated extended benefit claims system.

ILWU Local 142 and Hawaii State AFL-CIO testified in support of this bill. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, and changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount, to facilitate continued discussion; and

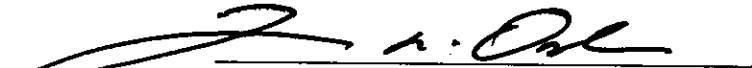
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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 169, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 169, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



