

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 10, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2573

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPRENTICESHIP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the State apprenticeship law to conform to the new federal regulations on apprenticeship programs.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Laborers' Union, and Pacific Resource Partnership testified in support of this measure.

Hawaii's Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is currently recognized as a State Apprenticeship Agency by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor. The Department has been charged with the responsibility to register and oversee apprenticeship programs. In 2008, the United States Department of Labor published final rules to modernize the national apprenticeship system. These new rules recognized that technological advances, demographic changes, and globalization have significantly altered the context in which apprenticeship programs operate and contained new concepts, such as competency-based training and provisional approvals of new apprenticeship programs.



The United States Department of Labor provided State Apprenticeship Agencies with two years to implement the necessary changes to conform state laws to the new federal rules. Hawaii requested and received a two year extension from the Office of Apprenticeship to conform its laws to the new federal rules. According to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, changes in state law, Hawaii Administrative Rules, and agency policies must be in place by December 31, 2012, to conform to the federal requirements.

Your Committee finds that apprenticeship programs provide participants with an invaluable educational experience and outstanding benefits. Apprenticeship programs also help to develop and apply industry standards to training programs, which increases the productivity and improves the quality of the workforce. Your Committee notes that this measure is necessary for the continuation of these valuable apprenticeship programs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2573 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment


Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HD 2573</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LAB, FIN</b>	Date: <del>HB</del> <b>2-3-12</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
7. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
8. OKAMURA, Tom				
9. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
13. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted     Not Adopted  
If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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