

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2576
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2576, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to maintain uniformity in the unemployment insurance contribution rate notice appeals process by clarifying that an appeal by an employer of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' determination of an unemployment insurance rate contribution must be appealed to the Employment Security Appeals Referees' Office rather than directly to the circuit court.

The ILWU Local 142 and Hawaii Laborers' Union testified in support of this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

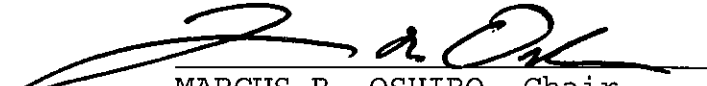
- (1) Clarifying that the statutorily established avenue for judicial review is still available upon the referees determination, rather than the Department's determination;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2012; and



- (3) 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. 2576, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2576, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



