

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2655
H.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2655, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish and operate a training program to augment and expand the reach of the workforce investment activities administered by the Department pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998;
- (2) appropriate an unspecified amount for the establishment of the training program; and
- (3) Authorize the Department to use monies in the employment and training fund from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, to cover costs associated with administering, managing, reporting, and overseeing the programs funded under the federal Workforce Investment Act for which insufficient funds were allocated.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142.

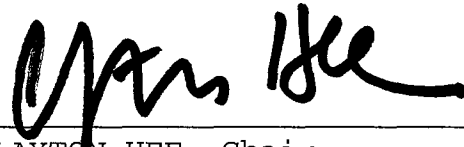


Your Committee finds that workforce development activities of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations are under serious fiscal constraints due to restrictions arising out of recent federal budget decisions. This measure establishes a training program to expand workforce investment activities administered by the Department and pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The target population of this training program includes the unemployed and underemployed, veterans, persons with disabilities, non-native English speakers, homeless persons, and persons recently released from incarceration.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations indicates that the fiscal constraints for administrative costs are severe and erode the Department's ability to administer federal funds being received for the workforce training program. This measure enables the Department to carry out its required functions to oversee, manage, report, and draw down cash to maintain workforce development programs in the counties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2655, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2655, HD2	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/12/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes