

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2186

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2186, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISLOCATED SUGAR WORKERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist sugar workers affected by the cessation of sugar production on Maui by:

- (1) Appropriating funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) for workforce development, worker training and retraining, and other assistance programs for these workers; and
- (2) Requiring DLIR to seek assistance from the United States Department of Labor to provide such support to these workers.

The Mayor of the County of Maui; a Councilmember of the County of Maui; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260 testified in support of this measure. DLIR, Department of Agriculture, and ILWU Local 142 commented on this measure.



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. 2186, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LORE, Chair



