

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2289  
H.D. 2

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. 2289, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue efforts to achieve the State's overall economic development strategy by assisting community-based economic development initiatives. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Amends the definition of "community-based organization" to delete the requirement that the organization be membership based;
- (2) Reduces the number of Community-based Economic Development Advisory Council members from twelve to nine;
- (3) Amends the qualifications for community-based economic development grants to include technical assistance to community-based organizations;
- (4) Updates non-discrimination language applicable to a grant applicant; and



- (5) Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Community-based Economic Development Revolving Fund.

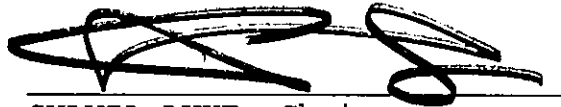
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism provided testimony in support of the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion; and
- (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. 2289, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2289, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



