

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2382

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 Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2382 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC-ASIA INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance and promote the success of the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resiliency and Sustainability (Institute) by designating the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism as the State's liaison for the Institute rather than the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism testified in support of this measure.

Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, established the Institute as a center for studies on environmental sustainability, global leadership, and critical community continuity. The Institute also provides research and training opportunities for future leaders to address the risks to Hawaii and the Pacific-Asia region from natural and manmade hazards and develop solutions for sustainable economic growth.

While the Office of the Lieutenant Governor was initially tasked with acting as the State's liaison for the Institute, responsibility for this task shifted to the Office of the



Governor. Currently, the liaison duties for the Institute are carried out by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Your Committee finds that designating the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism as the agency for providing liaison services to the Institute will more accurately reflect the current situation and ensure that greater resources will be used to help make this endeavor successful.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to February 19, 2022, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2382, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2382, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Chair



