

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2475
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. 2475, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Maritime Industry Grant Program within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to award grants to qualified shipyards for capital improvements, workforce development projects, and purchases of machinery and equipment; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for awarding grants under the Program.

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Pacific Shipyards International, and several individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments.

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. 2475, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



