

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3026

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2605
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2605, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to establish, administer, and support on-the-job training
for individuals who are dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian
Commercial & Sugar Company on Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department
of Agriculture; Hawaii Construction Alliance; Hawaii Government
Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Alexander &
Baldwin, Inc.; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; ILWU Local 142; United
Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Farm Bureau;
Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and Ponoholo Ranch.

Your Committee finds that the closure of Hawaiian Commercial
& Sugar Company will result in the termination of about six
hundred seventy workers from March to December 2016. According to
the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, available
federal funds are projected to be insufficient to serve the number
of workers scheduled for layoff. This measure will supplement the
limited federal funds to ensure that workers can access necessary
services, including on-the-job training, when they lose their
jobs.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$850,000; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2605, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2605, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



