

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

966

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 2 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1326
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 1326, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to advance the
State's economic development, sustainability, and diversity by
appropriating funds for a market assessment study to assess the
feasibility of developing a basalt fiber facility in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration
Systems; Hawaii Island Economic Development Board; Oceanit,
Laboratories, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the High
Technology Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that basalt's unique properties make it
an excellent material for a variety of specialized applications.
Basalt fibers are currently being used in the manufacturing of
various products that include rebar, mesh, rope, and fabric.
However, currently, there is no domestic producer of basalt fiber.
Your Committee further finds that state funding for a market study
to evaluate the feasibility of developing a basalt fiber facility



in Hawaii could capitalize on Hawaii's basalt resources and create long-term benefits to the State's economy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1326, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology,

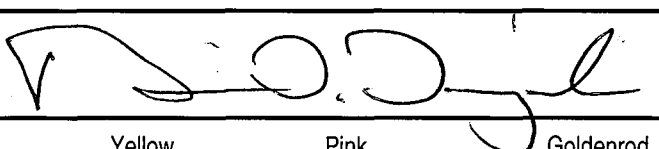


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1326 HD2	ETT, WAM	3/15/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)		✓		
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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