

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1050

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 521
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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. 521, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to stimulate and
diversify Hawaii's economy by establishing and funding the High-
Growth Grant Program and Special Fund to provide grants to
qualified businesses to expand business operations, improve
business productivity, and invest in food safety or quality
control programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; High Technology Development Corporation; Chamber of
Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Maui Gold Pineapple Company;
ILWU Local 142; and one individual. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and
Finance.

Your Committee finds that diversifying the State's economy
beyond service-related industries is critical to Hawaii's future.
The High-Growth Grant Program will provide grants to business
that, for example, export products to expand their operations,
improve productivity, and invest in food safety or quality control



programs, thereby improving the ability of these local businesses to compete globally.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reducing the maximum amount of each grant that may be provided through the program to twenty percent, rather than forty percent, of the amount that is privately invested in a business; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 521, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 521, 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 Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology,

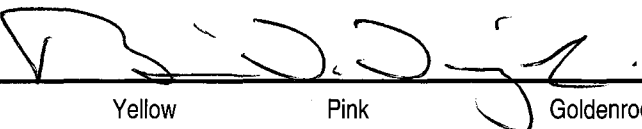


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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 521 HD1	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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" 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	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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