

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1306
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1306 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an office of public-private partnership within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and to appropriate moneys for this purpose.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that rising operating expenses and inflation have diminished the financial resources of various governmental departments, which results in less efficient use of public resources. Collaboration between the public and private sectors on certain public projects can produce a more efficient and effective use of public resources, but there is currently no public sector agency dedicated to coordinate and collaborate on these projects with the private sector. Accordingly, your



Committee believes an office should be established for the coordination and collaboration of projects between the public and private sectors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expressly identifying the department in this measure as the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (2) Making a technical nonsubstantive change for the purpose of clarity; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism estimates the cost to establish and operate the program established by this measure to be \$500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1306, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1306, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



