

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2558
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2558 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CREATIVE LAB HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to diversify Hawaii's economy through the development of innovation and knowledge-based industries by appropriating money to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to allow Creative Lab Hawaii, a collaborative creative industry development accelerator program, to expand its services to three neighbor islands and develop high school programs in coordination with the Department of Education.

The Hawaii Songwriting Festival, Streetlight Cadence, Creative Lab Hawaii Program, PEN Music Group, Inc., Special Education Financial Administration Network and Support, Secret Road, Fusion Music Supervision, Oceanna LLC, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and Hawaii Technology Development Corporation testified in support of the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2558, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2558, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,


CINDY EVANS, Chair



