

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2671
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 Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2671 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai by appropriating funds to various agencies to collaboratively develop and implement plans to assist displaced workers and address the continued availability of gainful employment.

The Mayor of the County of Maui; four County of Maui Council Members; United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 464, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; Molokai Chamber of Commerce; and Hawaii Crop Improvement Association supported this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Office of the Governor supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and Department of Agriculture provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purpose section of the measure to broadly reflect various economic factors that have had an effect on Molokai's economy, employment, and workforce;



- (2) Specifying that the funds appropriated shall be used to implement activities that are agreed upon by the collaborating agencies;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2671, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2671, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development & Business.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



