

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2209

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3100

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 3100 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to consolidate the Department of Budget and Finance and the Department of Human Resources Development into the Department of Budget, Finance, and Human Resources and to transfer functions and duties accordingly.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources and Development. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that creating efficiencies in government is essential to maintaining proper government function and instilling public confidence in government. Moreover, government efficiency promotes healthier interactions between government and the public and ultimately produces better outcomes. Under existing law, there exist two separate executive departments, the Department of Human Resources Development and the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committees find that maintaining these two separate departments is unnecessary and inefficient. For example, maintaining these two agencies as separate entities often causes significant delays in hiring. This problem is of particular concern given the State's aging workforce and the



looming need to fill numerous positions in a timely manner. Your Committees also note that other jurisdictions successfully employ a single agency to handle the duties and responsibilities that our state government divides between the Department of Human Resources Development and Department of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, while your Committees acknowledge that changes such as the one proposed in this measure can create uncertainties, your Committees find that the proposed changes would make state government more efficient and better served by specifically combining the Department of Human Resources Development and the Department of Budget and Finance into a single department.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3100 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Government
Operations and Labor,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Labor
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB3100</i>	Committee Referral: <i>GVO/LBR, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/6/18</i>		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les		✓		
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>J. Kalani English</i>				
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