

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

233

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1409

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 1409 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS CORPORATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the visibility and accountability of sustainable business corporations by:

- (1) Requiring that sustainable business corporations file annual benefit reports with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA);
- (2) Authorizing DCCA to terminate a sustainable business corporation designation for noncompliance with statutory requirements; and
- (3) Requiring the Business Registration Division within DCCA to allow for sustainable business corporation status to be a searchable field on its website, and to post a list of sustainable business corporations registered to do business in the State.

A few individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. DCCA offered comments on this measure.

HB1409 HD1 HSCR EDB HMS 2019-1820-1



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to April 25, 2112, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Although your Committee has concerns that many of the requirements in this measure, such as listing registered sustainable business corporations on DCCA's website, are already being done, your Committee nonetheless feels that the regulatory enhancement proposals within this measure deserve further consideration.

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. 1409, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1409, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



---

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



