

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1251

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24

, 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 14  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Tourism, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 14 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE  
EFFICACY OF THE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Auditor  
conduct a review of the efficacy of the technology resources of  
the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and  
Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that unemployment insurance applications  
submitted during the COVID-19 pandemic are being processed on a  
government mainframe computer system that was installed in the  
early 1980s and upgraded about five years ago. Your Committee  
further finds that the Department of Labor and Industrial  
Relations has struggled to keep pace with the large increase in  
unemployment insurance claims over the course of the pandemic.  
Your Committee believes that it would be prudent to request that  
the Auditor review the technology resources available to the

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Department and make recommendations to the Legislature on how the Department may improve its services to the public and the resources needed to implement those recommendations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the title to read, "REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE EFFICACY OF THE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.";
- (2) Clarifying that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' mainframe computer system was upgraded about five years ago;
- (3) Revising the estimated time frame for a long-term fix to the computer system to 2022, rather than 2021; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 14, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 14, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Tourism,

  
RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Tourism**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HCR 14</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>LAT, FIN</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>03-23-21</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>LAT Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (C)	✓			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>				
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