

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1389

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 184

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 184 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO PRODUCE AN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT BY THE STATE OF HAWAII IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a working group to produce an integrated strategic plan for regional engagement by the State of Hawaii in the Pacific Islands Region.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from eleven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the East-West Center has engaged in efforts to revitalize the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders' annual dialogue, which has historically linked Hawaii, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and American Samoa with the Northern Pacific in a concrete framework. The discussions have addressed our shared concerns about migration, health care, climate change, gender equality, and economic development.



Therefore, your Committee believes that the working group and development of an integrated strategic plan for regional engagement requested by this measure would allow Hawaii to achieve the long-term objective of reaffirming itself as the political, economic, environmental, sociological, and technological epicenter for regional engagement in the Pacific Island region.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 184 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
EET

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 184	Committee Referral: EET	Date: 3/29/21		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E. (VC)	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes