

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1390

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.R. No. 149

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.R. No. 149 entitled:

"SENATE 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.R. No. 149 and recommends its adoption.

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



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

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SR 149	EET	3/29/24
<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	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	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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