

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2159
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies that are consistent with federal law;
- (2) Rename the Workforce Development Council as the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and adjust its composition; and
- (3) Clarify that the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations is to appoint and fix the compensation of the Hawaii Workforce Development Board's Executive Director.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Workforce Development Council.

Your Committee finds that while the Legislature conformed the composition and duties of the Workforce Development Council with



the new governance structure established by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act through Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, the conflict of interest provisions in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for state and local workforce development boards were not incorporated into state law. This measure will codify in state law the federal provisions governing conflicts of interest for members of state and local workforce development boards and the renaming of the Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



