

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 2439
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 Economic Development, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2439 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Start-Up Business Loan Program and
Hawaii Start-Up Business Loan Program Special Fund; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii Start-up Business Loan
Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii Technology
Development Corporation; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and Hawaii
Food Industry Association. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the State is in need of an
alternative source of financial assistance for new businesses and
enterprises to expand and succeed in Hawaii. Many businesses that
began during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic are having
difficulty accessing capital at reasonable rates and terms. This



measure would provide immediate working capital and equipment to new businesses and encourage the diversification of economic opportunities for the State's residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the sources of monies that may be deposited into the Hawaii Start-Up Business Loan Program Special Fund;
- (2) Changing the effective date to October 18, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2439, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2439, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



