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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
3:10 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
SB3049
RELATING TO EMPLOYER INFORMATION.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB3049 which amends section 201-13.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow DBEDT to collect and analyze employer information and data.

Act 88, SLH 2021, eliminated the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Research and Statistics Office and transferred a majority of the research programs and staff to the Research and Economic Analysis Division of DBEDT. However, while the labor research program and staff were transferred, DBEDT does not have the authority to collect and analyze employer data related to industry and occupational wages by county, and other conditions and practices of employment in the State. This data and analysis support vital programs including the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program and the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics program.

The authorization is critical for DBEDT to continue the labor research programs as when they were with DLIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI, PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
February 16, 2022
Re: SB 3049 RELATING TO EMPLOYER INFORMATION**

Good afternoon, Chairperson Wakai and members of the Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901, RMH is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, shopping malls, local, national, and international retailers, chains, and everyone in between.

While we understand the state's want for this type of information, we are opposed to SB 3049 Relating to Employer Information. This measure amends section 201-13.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collect and analyze employer information and data.

Retailers are concerned about the type of information that is being sought since this measure has no real parameters and the information does not seem to be aggregated. The information being asked for could include sensitive information that is proprietary. If leaked, it could mean that company may lose a competitive edge or business contracts. While this information will be shared with other government agencies, it is not clear how this information will be kept secure, what information will be shared and for what purpose.

We are also concerned that this type of data and information can be used against businesses in regard to legislation, rules and regulations.

We ask that you please hold this measure.

Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.

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To: The Honorable Glen Wakai, Chair,
The Honorable Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development,
and Tourism

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022
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From: Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.B. 3049 RELATING TO EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). I am testifying in support of SB3049, which authorizes DBEDT to collect and analyze employer information and data formerly collected and analyzed by the DLIR.

The General Appropriations Act of 2021 (Act 88, SLH 2021) eliminated DLIR's Research & Statistics Office and the majority of the staff was transferred to DBEDT. Therefore, the authority to collect and analyze employer information and data needs to be granted to DBEDT to allow it to continue to collect and analyze data for research and statistical purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.