

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1384
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be consistent with the General Appropriations Act of 2021, Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021;
- (2) Rename the "Workforce Development Council" to the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board", and the "county workforce development board" to the "local workforce development board";
- (3) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations;
- (4) Require the Governor to select the chairperson of the state board from among the private sector members appointed to the board; and

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- (5) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative as no longer necessary.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that this measure will conform the nomenclature in the statutes relating to the Workforce Development Council and county workforce development boards. This measure will also require conflict of interest provisions to be developed, consistent with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and related federal regulations. In addition, Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, eliminated the program identification number for the Workforce Development Council and transferred its appropriation and positions to the Workforce Development Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. This measure repeals certain powers of the Board in accordance with that shift and authorizes the transition of certain provisions and documents from the Workforce Development Council to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Conforming the conflicts of interest requirements to those in House Bill No. 1086 H.D. 1, its companion measure, which was previously passed by the House; and
- (2) 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 Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Government
Operations,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



