

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1384 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" as the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board", and the "county workforce development board" as the "local workforce development board";
- (3) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board (Board) and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal laws and regulations;
- (4) Require the Governor to select the chairperson of the Board from among the private sector members; and
- (5) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to submit an annual report



to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative.

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

Your Committee finds that not only does this measure align current statutes with federal regulations and requirements, but it also repeals the requirement for DLIR to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative, as the Initiative has not received any funding since fiscal year 2016-2017. Your Committee notes that the General Appropriations Act of 2021 eliminated the program identification number (LBR-135) of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council and believes that the Hawaii Workforce Development Board should have its own program identification number or subprogram identification number.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting duplicative language codifying certain federal regulations regarding conflicts of interest into state law;
- (2) Clarifying that the Board is administratively attached to DLIR;
- (3) Requiring the Board to assist the Governor in coordinating with local workforce development boards to maximize and continue to improve the quality of service to develop a comprehensive and high-quality workforce development system;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1384, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second



Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 1, and
be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor and
Technology,




SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1384	Committee Referral: LBT, JDC/WAM	Date: 2/8/23		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	✕			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✕			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✕			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✕			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✕
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes