

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2351  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Workforce Development Council and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations;
- (2) Require the Governor to select the Chairperson of the Council from among the seventeen private sector members;
- (3) Require the Workforce Development Council to assist the Governor in coordinating local workforce development boards to improve the workforce development system; and
- (4) 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.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from IATSE Local 665.



Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committees find that Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, eliminated the program identification number for the Hawaii Workforce Development Council and transferred its appropriation and positions to the Workforce Development Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committees believe that the Hawaii Workforce Development Council performs essential functions in assisting the Governor by serving as a planning and policy advisor to the Governor on workforce issues and is a primary architect of overall state workforce strategy. Your Committees additionally find that in order to conform to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and related Code of Federal Regulations, the Workforce Development Council should be renamed the Hawaii Workforce Development Board, therefore amendments to this measure are necessary.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board" and replacing the terms "workforce development council" or "council" with "workforce development board" or "board" as necessary;
- (2) Requiring the Governor to appoint the Chairperson of the Hawaii Workforce Development Board from among all of the members, instead of from among only the seventeen private sector members;
- (3) Deleting language that would have exempted the Executive Director of the Hawaii Workforce Development Board from chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (4) Restoring statutory language that allows the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to hold hearings as the Board may deem advisable;
- (5) Restoring statutory language that allows the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to administer funds allocated for its work and accept, disburse, and

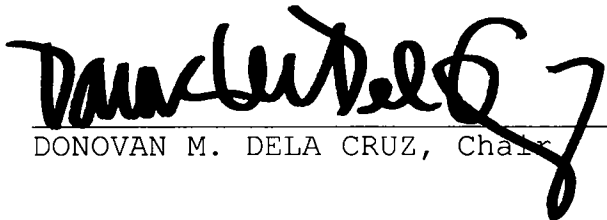


allocate funds which may become available from other governmental and other private sources;

- (6) Inserting language restoring and transferring to the Hawaii Workforce Development Board the program identification number and positions that were transferred to the Workforce Development Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations from the Hawaii Workforce Development Council by Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021;
- (7) Inserting a blank appropriation amount for an unspecified number of positions within the Hawaii Workforce Development Board;
- (8) Making conforming amendments;
- (9) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Judiciary and  
Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

  
KARL RHOADS, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2351 SD1	LBT, JDC / WAM	2/22/2024		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
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Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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