

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3603

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 123
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Higher Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 123 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING STAKEHOLDERS TO UPDATE TO THE EAST-WEST CENTER STUDY TITLED "HAWAII AS AN EAST-WEST BRIDGE: A SURVEY OF THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF NON-TOURIST INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN HAWAII", "

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request stakeholders to update the East-West Center study titled "Hawaii as an East-West Bridge: A Survey of the Economic Value of Non-Tourist International Activities in Hawaii".

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and East-West Center.

Your Committees find that the East-West Center is an institution that was established by the United States Congress in 1960 to promote better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Your Committees further find that the East-West Center conducted a study over thirty years ago surveying the economic value of non-tourist international activities in Hawaii. Updating the study would explore the modernized role that these activities play in



the State's economy and will provide insight into the diverse economic contributions beyond tourism that the State offers to the global community to further support the State's resilience and competitiveness in the global arena.

Your Committees note that this measure does not contain any specific outcomes, benchmarks, goals, or objectives to be accomplished from updating the East-West Center study. Your Committees further note that although this measure requests stakeholders to update the East-West Center study, only a representative from the East-West Center was present to testify on this measure, making it difficult to determine the efficacy or benefit of this measure without any additional stakeholder input, especially from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, whose written testimony suggests an estimate of costs to complete the study.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment to its title for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 123, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 123, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Higher Education,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



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<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado		✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)		/		
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		/		
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		/		
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	1	3		1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

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