

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 48

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred
S.R. No. 48 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HAWAII
WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to study the
establishment of a Hawaii Workforce Excellence Award Program.

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

Your Committee finds that promoting a diverse marketplace is
fundamental to the State's goals of fostering workforce
development and sustainable economic growth. A successfully
diverse economy includes manual trades and craftwork, which are
often overlooked due to social stigmas. France formulated a
unique solution to this issue through the Meilleur Ouvrier de
France competition, which preserves and celebrates French heritage
and craftsmanship by awarding titles in dozens of crafts,
including woodworking and floristry. The success of the
competition demonstrates that honoring and preserving high
standards of craftsmanship, skill, and professionalism in various
trades is a valuable initiative to meet broader economic goals.
Therefore, this measure examines how the State may develop a



similar program by requesting the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to study the establishment of a Hawaii Workforce Excellence Award Program.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 48 and recommends its adoption.

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


HENRY J. C. AQUINO, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Labor and Technology
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