

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1577
S.D. 1
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 Economic Development, to which was referred S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make all business registration applications available online; and
- (2) Require all applications to contain certain contact information of the registering entity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that making all business registration applications available online is a key component in streamlining

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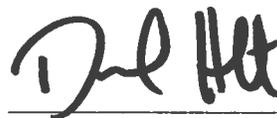
the process of registering new businesses in Hawaii and making the registration process simpler and more accessible. Your Committee further finds that collecting certain contact information from registering entities will help departments and agencies expand their outreach to the business community and inform businesses of the services the State has to offer.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



DANIEL HOLT, Chair



