

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

157

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 449
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Tourism and Economic Development &
Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 449 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote economic
development by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
to establish a program that provides technology
enablement for small businesses related to the tourism
industry in the State; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to assist in the development and
promotion of Hawaii-manufactured products through the
INNOVATE Hawaii program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Food
Industry Association; WaiHome LLC; and Cymz Sweet Kre8tionz LLC.

Your Committees find that programs operated by the Department
of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii
Technology Development Corporation can leverage their existing
partnerships with other organizations to bring new advanced



technology to Hawaii to assist small businesses with development, manufacturing, operations, and marketing of "Made in Hawaii" products.


Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish a program that provides technology enablement for small businesses related to the tourism industry in the State;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism and Economic Development & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 449, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 449, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Tourism and
Economic Development &
Technology,



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair

ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 4491		Committee Referral: TOU / ECD, FIN		Date: 01 / 03 / 25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
TOU Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAM, Adrian K. (C)		/			
2. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann (VC)		/			
3. HOLT, Daniel		/			
4. HUSSEY, Ikaika		/			
5. ILAGAN, Greggor		/			
6. TODD, Chris		/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		/			
TOTAL (7)		7			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Shirley Ann Templo</i>					
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