

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which
was referred H.B. No. 449, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote economic
development by appropriating funds for assisting in the
development and promotion of Hawaii-manufactured products through
the INNOVATE Hawaii Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, Chamber of
Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Maui Chamber of
Commerce, and Watanabe Floral.

Your Committee finds that fostering local manufacturing is
key to strengthening the State's economy, creating jobs, and
expanding the reach of "Made in Hawaii" products. Your Committee
further finds that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
administers the INNOVATE Hawaii Program, which is part of a
network of fifty-two Manufacturing Extension Partnership centers
that provide funding, technology, and resources to help businesses
develop, manufacture, and market their products. Further
investment in the INNOVATE Hawaii Program will strengthen local
businesses and bolster the competitiveness of "Made in Hawaii"



products. This measure will fund the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to grow and promote the State's manufacturing sector through the INNOVATE Hawaii Program, fostering economic resilience.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requiring the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing certain information;
- (2) Requiring the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to prioritize funding for certain Hawaii-based manufacturers;
- (3) Requiring that the funds appropriated to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation be expended exclusively for manufacturing purposes, workforce training and upskilling programs, and the marketing and promotion of Hawaii-made products; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 449, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 449, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB449, HD1	Committee Referral: EDT, WAM	Date: 3/20/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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