

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

(703)

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28

, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 201

H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which
was referred H.R. No. 201 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VIA IMPORT
SUBSTITUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the State of Hawaii
to consider import substitution as a key strategy for economic
growth and diversification.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Technology Development Authority. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism; and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's dependence on imported
goods creates economic vulnerability and reliance on external
markets. Your Committee further finds that import substitution
strategies, as utilized by Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and other
countries, serve as clear examples for how to decrease reliance on
external markets while improving domestic industries and
production. This measure ensures that the State considers import
substitution in its efforts to diversify the economy and spur
economic growth.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition for import substitution;
- (2) Urging the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and other agencies to take steps to avoid and prevent new import dependencies, such as dependencies on fossil fuels like liquid natural gas, and leverage monopsony powers to substitute existing imports;
- (3) Adding the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission and Chief Energy Officer of the Hawai'i State Energy Office to the list of recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (4) Changing its title to make technical amendments; and
- (5) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 201, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 201, H.D. 1.

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



GREGOR ILAGAN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HR 201	Committee Referral: FCD	Date: 3/21/25		
<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)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)	X			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)	X			
3. HOLT, Daniel				X
4. TAM, Adrian K.	X			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	X			
6. TODD, Chris				X
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	X			
TOTAL (7)	5	1	1	2
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: _____				
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