

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1772

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-23, 2007

RE: H.R. No. 63

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.R. No. 63 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO CREATE A REPLACEMENT FOR THE OUTDATED FAST TRACK
TRADE AUTHORITY SYSTEM SO THAT UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENTS
ARE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED USING A MORE DEMOCRATIC,
INCLUSIVE MECHANISM THAT ENSHRINES THE PRINCIPLES OF
FEDERALISM AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to protect states' rights
in the establishment of trade agreements by requesting the United
States Congress to replace the Fast Track Trade Authority system
(Fast Track) with a system that requires the prior informed
consent of state legislatures before states are bound to the
nontariff terms of any trade agreement that affects state
regulatory authority.

Public Citizen, the Hawaii Government Employees Association,
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, and the Hawaii State AFL-CIO supported
this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee finds that Fast Track is a procedural device
established by former President Nixon which allows the executive
branch to negotiate and sign agreements and write conforming
federal legislation while excluding a meaningful role for
Congress, the public, and state and local officials affected by
the agreements. The current grant of Fast Track Trade Authority

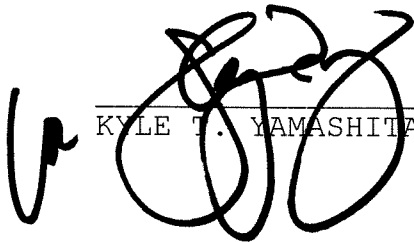
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expires in July 2007. This resolution seeks replacement of Fast Track with a more democratic and accountable trade negotiation process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 63 and recommends its adoption.

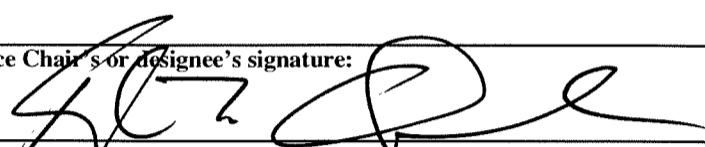
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,

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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HR 63 (HSCR1563)		Date: April 2, 2007		
Committee Referral: INT, EDB		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	/			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	/			
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.				/
6. HANOANO, Faye P.	/			
7. HERKES, Robert N.				/
8. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
9. TSUJI, Clift	/			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	/			
TOTAL	10	-	-	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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