STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii



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RE: S.B. No. 2244

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2244 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the minimum hourly wage to \$8.50 beginning July 1, 2010, and ending on December 31, 2011; and
- (2) Adjust the minimum hourly wage thereafter based on the rate of inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency, two private organizations, and one individual. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by one state agency and three private organizations. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that an increase in the minimum hourly wage will assist the recovery of the economy by increasing the disposable dollars available to workers. Your Committee also finds that less than two percent of the current workforce in this State would benefit from a minimum hourly wage increase.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Deleting the \$8.50 minimum wage rate and leaving the rate amount blank;
- (2) Deleting the automatic adjustment index provision that would have adjusted the minimum hourly wage rate based on the rate of inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2012.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2244, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2244, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor,

DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Labor LBR

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: 3/9/10				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 Pass 2311 Pass				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	V			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				
BUNDA, Robert	V			
HEE, Clayton				
SLOM, Sam				
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TOTAL	4	\circ		0
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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