

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 256  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to  
which was referred S.B. No. 256 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEWORK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a telework task  
force to develop a comprehensive plan that will encourage and  
expand telework opportunities in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Land Use Research Foundation of  
Hawaii, the Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association,  
ComTel Hawaii, and one concerned individual. Testimony in  
opposition of this measure was submitted by the Department of  
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Department of  
Human Resources Development. Written testimony presented to the  
Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that encouraging employers to develop a  
telework environment for their employees will encourage a better  
quality of life for people that would otherwise commute to work  
and it will also have a beneficial impact on Hawaii's environment,  
reduce traffic congestion, and reduce the State's dependence on  
fossil fuels. Your Committee also finds that establishing a  
telework task force to develop incentives and recommendations for  
businesses and government agencies to implement telework programs  
is the appropriate mechanism to foster growth for telework  
participation throughout the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Directing the telework task force to develop incentives and recommendations for businesses and government agencies to implement telework programs throughout the State;
- (2) Requiring the Legislative Reference Bureau to provide administrative and staffing support to the telework task force in drafting the report on its findings and recommendations to submit to the Legislature no later than August 1, 2010;
- (3) Deleting the designation of the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Director of Human Resources Development as co-chairs of the telework task force;
- (4) Adding the requirement that the members of the telework task force shall collectively appoint a chairperson for the task force;
- (5) Deleting the provision that the members of the telework task force serve without compensation, but be reimbursed for travel expenses;
- (6) Requiring the telework task force to cease to exist on July 1, 2010;
- (7) Deleting the appropriation clause; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 256, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 256, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



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



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Economic Development and Technology**  
**EDT**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 256</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDT, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-13-09</div>		
<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; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Rosalyn H. Baker</div>				
<b>Distribution:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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