STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1523

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8 , 2011

RE: S.B. No. 298

S.D. 3 \* \*

H.D. 3

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 298, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to offer entrepreneurs and investors the option to start and invest in businesses that operate in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner by authorizing a designation and code of conduct specific to a sustainable business corporation (SBC) where oversight is provided through specified means.

Several concerned individuals supported this bill. Imua Alliance provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Clarifying that should a SBC specify "enhancing environmental protection" as a public benefit, the SBC status will be permanent and the specific public benefit will not be deleted from the articles of the corporation unless the annual statement concludes, rather than just reflects, and the SBC fails to pursue, rather than fails to meet, a specified "enhancing environmental protection" public benefit; and (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 298, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 298, S.D. 3, H.D. 3.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)				
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	V			
3. CHONG, Pono				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	-			-
5. COFFMAN, Denny				
6. CULLEN, Ty	V			
7. HAR, Sharon E.	. ~			
8. HASHEM, Mark J.	V			
9. ICHIYAMA, Linda	<u></u>			
10. JORDAN, Jo	<u></u>			
11. LEE, Chris	レ レ レ レ			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	<u> </u>			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V		_	
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	V		<u></u>	
16. RIVIERE, Gil	~			
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	16	0	0	
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Mauf Boles				
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