STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3396

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 1 3 2012

RE: S.C.R. No. 55 S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 55, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE STATE'S STRATEGIC PLAN TO EXPAND ASIA-PACIFIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HAWAII BUSINESSES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand Asia-Pacific business development opportunities for Hawaii businesses.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requests the Lieutenant Governor to report to the Legislature on the State's strategic plan to expand Asia-Pacific business development opportunities for Hawaii businesses; and
- (2) Requests the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to include in its annual report the State's progress in implementing the strategic plan to expand Asia-Pacific business development opportunities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that many economies in Asia and the Pacific are expected to see growth in the next year. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii economy is heavily dependent upon the economies of the United States and key international counties. Increasing business opportunities for Hawaii businesses in Asia and the Pacific will help Hawaii benefit from the economic growth of those counties.

Your Committee further finds that requesting the Lieutenant Governor and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide reports to the Legislature on the status of the State's strategic plan will facilitate the formulation and introduction of legislation to assist Hawaii businesses seeking business opportunities in Asia and the Pacific.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 55, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

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The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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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 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		_			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
ESPERO, Will		_			
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
KIM, Donna Mercado	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
KAHELE, Gilbert					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RYAN, Pohai					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
WAKAI, Glenn					<u> </u>
SLOM, Sam					
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TOTAL		10	0	0	4
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Mchille . Adani					
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