STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1054

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 4 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1481 H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 1481, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a working group to study the uses of and determine best practices regarding blockchain technology.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Taxation; County of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that blockchain is a novel peer to peer networking and distributed data storage technology that shifts the primary locus of control from centralized services to individuals or key holders. Initially built as the underlying structure for a digital cash system known as bitcoin, blockchain can be used in many other areas, including cybersecurity, disaster recovery, clearance and settlement, supply chain transparency, title registries, communications, and document verification. Your Committee further finds that there is vast potential for this technology to drastically change and improve public sector operations and private industry capabilities.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1481, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

GLENN WAKAI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology ETT

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HB 1481 HD1 ETT	WAY		3/15/	17
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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	V ,			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				
THIELEN, Laura H.				
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