

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **873**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1577
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make all business registration applications available online and to require all applications to contain certain contact information of the registering entity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the internet and digital technology have forever changed the way citizens interact -- and expect to interact -- with both public and private institutions. Digitization can benefit business-to-customer processes, such as a registration process, by improving user experiences and increasing productivity and efficiency through the elimination of tasks that would otherwise be done manually. However, your Committee finds that while the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs may provide business registration forms on its website for the public



to use and review, and are thus technically available online, your Committee believes that making all forms available online and requiring the forms to contain certain contact information of the registering entity would better serve both the Department and customers alike.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: | | |
| SB 1577 SD1 | CPN, JDC | 3/1/23 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
| The Recommendation is: | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| RHOADS, Karl (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. | ✓ | | | |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | ✓ | | | |
| AWA, Brenton | | | | ✓ |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature: | | | | |
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