

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, 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 of this measure is to:

- Require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make all business registration applications available online; and
- (2) Require all applications to contain certain contact information of the registering entity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that making all business registration applications available online is a key component in streamlining

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the process of registering new businesses in Hawaii and making the registration process simpler and more accessible. Your Committee further finds that collecting certain contact information from registering entities will help departments and agencies expand their outreach to the business community and inform businesses of the services the State has to offer.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1577, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Development,

DANIEL HOLT, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development

Bill/Resolution No.: SB1577, SD1 EC	D, CPC, FIN Date: D, CPC, FIN 3/15/23			
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)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HOLT, Daniel (C)				
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)				
3. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				
4. KONG, Sam Satoru				
5. LA CHICA, Trish				
6. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
7. QUINLAN, Sean				
8. PIERICK, Elijah				
TOTAL (8)	6	Ø	ø	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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