

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1194

H.D. 1

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
H.B. No. 1194 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT PLANNING ORGANIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Economic Development District
Planning Organization to implement the United States
Economic Development Administration-approved
comprehensive development strategy;
- (2) Establish temporary full-time positions to support the
Organization; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Organization and hiring of
necessary staff.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that being designated as an economic
development district by the United States Economic Development
Administration offers opportunities to advance coordinated and



locally developed goals that leverage and build upon interrelated community assets. An economic development district also advances a long-term established relationship with the United States Economic Development Administration that includes annual federal funding to support the development and implementation of the Hawaii Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Your Committee notes that for an economic development district to be designated by the United States Economic Development Administration, the district must meet several requirements, including having an approved comprehensive economic development strategy, commitments from a majority of counties within the proposed district, and a district organization that meets federal requirements. This measure establishes a Hawaii Economic Development District Planning Organization to serve as the district organization required for Hawaii to be eligible for the substantial benefits of a United States Economic Development Administration-designated economic development district.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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 H.B. No. 1194, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1194, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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

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DANIEL HOLT, Chair



