

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1194

H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 1194, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that  
Hawaii is eligible for the substantial benefits of a United States  
Economic Development Administration-designated economic  
development district by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Economic Development District  
Planning Organization and governing board to be  
administratively attached to the Office of Planning and  
Sustainable Development; and
- (2) Establishing four full-time equivalent temporary  
positions and appropriating funds to support the  
operations of the Hawaii Economic Development District  
Planning Organization.

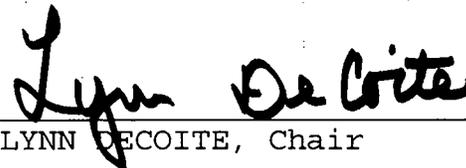
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Maui  
Chamber of Commerce.



Your Committee finds that designation as an economic development district by the United States Economic Development Administration advances the establishment of a long-term relationship with the Administration and will allow the State to benefit significantly from increased access to federal funding to support the continuous development and implementation of the Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Additionally, the Economic Development Administration is much more likely to award funds to projects within a designated economic development district. This measure will provide necessary resources and satisfy statutory requirements to qualify the State for designation as an economic development district by the United States Economic Development Administration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1194, H.D. 2, 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 Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism,

  
LYNN DECOITE, Chair



