

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2146

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2081
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2081 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 the
Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program within the
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and to
appropriate funds for the establishment of the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Alliance for
Collaboration in the Exploration of Space; Mahina Aerospace, LLC;
Maui Economic Development Board; Hawaii Island Economic
Development Board; Interstel Technologies, Inc.; Hawaii Leeward
Planning Conference; Hawaii Young Republicans; and six
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the aeronautics and aerospace
industries hold great potential to enable future development and
innovation in science and technology in the State. This measure
establishes the Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program to
provide a focal point within state government to facilitate
dialogue and coordination among the State's public, private, and
academic sectors, and to support the State in becoming a major

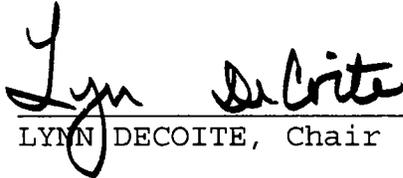


contributor to, and beneficiary of, global space enterprise. This measure further can help the State increase high paying jobs in local communities and diversify the State's economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 2081, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2081, S.D. 1, 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



