

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1773

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 437
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 437, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE OFFICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the establishment of an out-of-state office in the Republic of the Philippines.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Oahu Filipino Community Council.

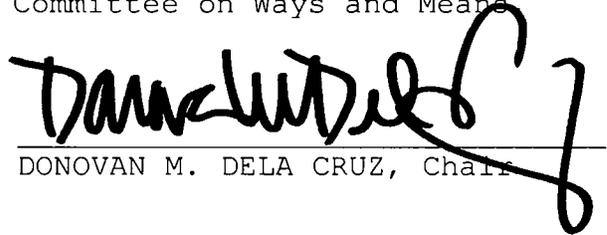
Your Committee finds that establishing an out-of-state office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in the Republic of the Philippines can enhance economic ties and strengthen mutual economic development, including assisting small businesses in developing and marketing products, expanding and diversifying trade opportunities, promoting cultural exchanges, and leveraging the large Filipino community in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.



No. 437, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB437 HDI SDI	EDT/TCA, WAM	4/1/2025		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado		X		
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	10	1	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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