

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1037

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1503
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 S.B. No. 1503, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to develop Hawaii's workforce to meet the growing demand for defense-related positions.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to develop and implement training programs, public-private partnerships, funding opportunities, recruitment strategies, and program evaluations and monitoring to develop Hawaii's workforce to meet the needs of the defense industry;
- (2) Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit a report to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriates funds.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chamber



of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce; and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that supporting the workforce needs of the federal government and the local defense industry will help to diversify Hawaii's economy, facilitate employment in high-paying jobs, and help better protect our country.

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 S.B. No. 1503, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

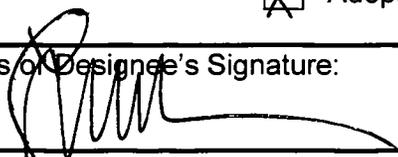
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB1503 SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>LBT, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-28-2025</i>		
<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	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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