

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1660
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1660, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to require contractors to disclose information regarding their employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status and to deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; International Union of Operating Engineers Local 3; and Pacific Resource Partnership. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure will close a critical enforcement gap by aligning county permitting authority with existing federal and state labor determinations. Under existing law, contractors may continue to obtain or retain building permits even after being formally cited for wage theft, misclassification, or other labor violations. This undermines worker protections and



places law-abiding contractors at a competitive disadvantage. This measure corrects that imbalance by allowing counties to rely on established findings by a government agency without creating new labor standards or adjudicatory powers at the county level.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1660, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1660 HD1	Committee Referral: LAB, CPC, JHA	Date: 2/12/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
6. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
9. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
10. TAM, Adrian K.				✓
11. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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