

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2235
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2235, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITARY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Military and Community Relations Office to strengthen intergovernmental coordination for military and defense activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Military and Community Relations Office; Hawai'i National Guard; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that federal defense-related contracting represents a significant share of Hawaii's economy and provides substantial opportunities for local businesses. Your Committee further finds increasing the State's ability to compete for and perform federal work would yield substantial economic benefits. Your Committee recognizes that the Military Affairs and Community Relations Office is the State's central point of coordination on military and defense-related matters and that increasing the



Office's funding would make the State more competitive for receiving federal contracts. This measure therefore provides funding to the Military and Community Relations Office to expand its work statewide and ensure that Hawaii continues to benefit from its strategic role in the Indo-Pacific.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,300,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2235, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2235, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

HSCR 622-26

Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2235 HD1	Committee Referral: PBS, ECD, FIN	Date: 2/18/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)	/			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)	/			
3. HOLT, Daniel				
4. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	/			
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
7. GEDEON, Joe	/			
TOTAL (7)	5	1	—	—
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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