

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 302

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 12, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1012
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Labor & Public
Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1012 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve access to information
regarding the supply and demand for workforce training.
Specifically, this bill appropriates funds to the University of
Hawaii (UH) to design, research, and develop a web-based
interactive searchable database (Database) of workforce training
opportunities that:

- (1) Enables employers to record their specific needs for
training; and
- (2) Enables providers to list their courses in a way that is
cross-referenced with the needs of the employers.

The Department of Education and Workforce Development Council
testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii P-20 Initiative
supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the purpose of the Database is to
provide ready access to workforce training information
by employers, employees, and training providers;

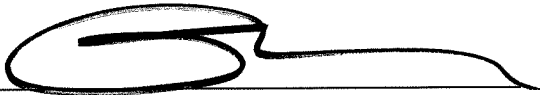
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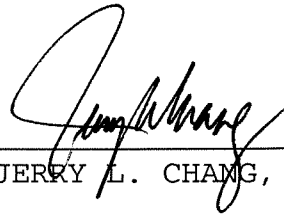
- (2) Clarifying that the Database also enables employers and employees to find information on classes and training programs that may meet their training needs;
- (3) Changing the appropriation amount to \$1 to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1012, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1012, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Labor & Public Employment,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



