

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2272
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2272 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY
REHABILITATION PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist programs that employ persons with disabilities by providing that the exemption from the civil service law that applies to county contracts lasting not more than a year and costing not more than \$750,000 shall apply to contracts with qualified community rehabilitation programs regardless of the amount of the contract.

The Department of Human Resources Development, Ka Lima O Maui, the ARC of Kona db's Kona Krafts, Anuenue Hale, Inc., and the Arc of Hilo testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Government Employees Association testified in opposition to this measure.

Qualified community rehabilitation programs enable workers with disabilities to become contributing members of Hawaii's communities and provide much needed employment opportunities to the most underemployed and unemployed segment of Hawaii's population.



Your Committee finds that by using these organizations to provide county services, the counties can provide necessary duties and services to the public. However, contracts with these organizations are often in excess of the \$750,000 cost restriction, which makes the employment of personnel under these contracts subject to Hawaii's civil service requirements.


As these qualified community rehabilitation programs represent a very small and limited number of agencies in Hawaii, providing them with an exemption from the \$750,000 cost limit on contracts exempted from Hawaii's civil service requirements seems reasonable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2272, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2272, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2272	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 02/12/08		
<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)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	x			
2. NAKASONE, Bob (VC)				x
3. EVANS, Cindy	x			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	x			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	x			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	x			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	x			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	x			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	x			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.		x		
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	x			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose	x			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	x			
TOTAL (13)	11	1	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ (committee acronym(s))				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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