

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2736  
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 Economic Development & Business Concerns,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 2736 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS BILL OF  
RIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support small business in  
Hawaii by establishing the Small Business Bill of Rights.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board, National  
Federation of Independent Business Hawaii, Hawaii Business League,  
and Retail Merchants of Hawaii supported this bill. The  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
supported the intent of the measure. The Office of Ombudsman  
(Ombudsman) submitted comments.

Your Committee notes that the Ombudsman raised concerns about  
the confidentiality of certain information that might be requested  
and the fact that the Small Business Bill of Rights would give  
unfair preference to a particular group by prioritizing a certain  
category of complaints regarding government.

After careful consideration, your Committee has amended this  
bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2034, 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 Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2736, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2736, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2736	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDB, CPC/JUD	<b>Date:</b> 2/5/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. MANAHAN, Joey				✓
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	10	∅	∅	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____				
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