

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 648

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 314
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 314, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support small businesses by re-establishing and appropriating funding for the Small Business Defender (SBD).

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board and Hawaii Business League testified in support of this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported the intent of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General opposed this bill, and the Office of the Ombudsman offered comments.

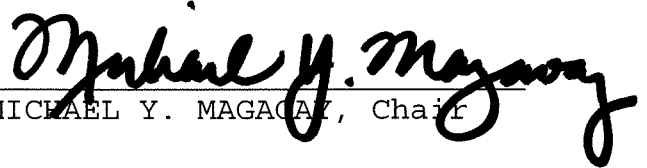
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that businesses must waive and release claims and requests for relief against the SBD or staff arising from legal representation;
- (2) Declaring that the activities of the SBD constitute a public purpose; and
- (3) Specifying that neither the SBD nor the attorneys shall represent the State in the performance of their duties.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 314, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 314, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Legislative
Management,


MICHAEL Y. MAGACAY, Chair



