

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 684

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 485
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 Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.B. No. 485, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage public contractors
to hire persons with disabilities and individuals who are
receiving public assistance by providing a procurement preference
to bidders who hire these individuals.

The Department of Accounting and General Services and State
Rehabilitation Council supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that while Hawaii ended 2006 with an
unemployment rate of two percent, the unemployment rate for
persons with disabilities in Hawaii is currently around 70
percent.

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. 485, H.D. 1, and recommends that it
be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



