

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 574-06

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3084  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 3084 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GIFT CERTIFICATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish fair and consistent  
practices for the purchase and use of retail gift certificates by:

- (1) Prohibiting retailers from charging gift certificate  
maintenance fees; and
- (2) Eliminating the two-year cap on gift certificate  
validity, making all gift certificates perpetual.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii supported the intent of this  
measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and  
Hawaii Bankers Association offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by restoring the two-  
year cap on gift certificate validity.

HB3084 HD1 HSCR EDB HMS 2006-1969



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. 3084, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3084, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



