

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2308

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2308 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS FOR RETROFITTING  
PRIVATE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a private  
facilities retrofit tax credit for qualified private facilities  
for construction or renovation to meet civil defense  
specifications.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Civil Defense Agency and Department of Taxation.  
Comments were received from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Qualified private facilities under this measure include adult  
residential care homes, healthcare facilities, hotels, and places  
of public accommodations. This measure encourages owners of  
institutional entities where many people may be gathered at any  
one time, to retrofit their buildings. This would allow them to  
shelter their population, many of whom are vulnerable to disaster,  
and otherwise would be helpless but for the security of the  
building in the event of disaster.

Your Committee finds that taxpayers should be allowed a tax  
credit for the meaningful investment in the modification of a  
facility that results in reinforcing the integrity of the  
structure. This measure encourages taxpayers to retrofit outdated  
structures or building designs to make those structures safer.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2308 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Government Operations,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



