

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1096

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1096 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE MORTGAGE CREDIT
CERTIFICATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers by providing qualified homebuyers, through a state mortgage credit certificate program, with an income tax credit of up to 20 percent but not to exceed \$2,000 of the annual mortgage interest payment.

The Hawaii Association of REALTORS and UniDev Hawaii, LLC testified in support of this bill. The Department of Taxation (DOTAX) opposed this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to look at the concerns of DOTAX.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1096 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



