

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1434 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 298  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and  
Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 298  
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO CONSIDER  
ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS TO ASSIST  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to ease the burden of  
skyrocketing real property tax rates which have gone beyond the  
means of some residential property owners who may be in jeopardy  
of losing their property by requesting that the counties consider  
establishing real property tax hardship exemptions to assist  
residential property taxpayers.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Budget and  
Fiscal Services opposed this resolution.

Your Committees find that the rapid increase of property  
taxes has created financial difficulties for many people  
statewide. These difficulties are exacerbated when natural or  
man-made disasters occur and cause damages to homes that are not  
fully covered by insurance or other financial aids. In such  
situations, people already stretched to the limit by the current  
property tax rates may be in jeopardy of losing their homes when  
unable to pay for the necessary repairs and the taxes.

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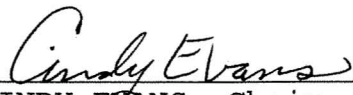
Accordingly, your Committees have amended this resolution by amending its title to read: REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS TO ASSIST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS IN JEOPARDY OF LOSING THEIR PROPERTY DUE TO COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RECOVERING FROM NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 298, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 298, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce,

  
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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

  
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CINDY EVANS, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HR298</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM/CPC,FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/20/08</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				✓
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
4. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
8. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>7</b>	—	—	<b>6</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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