

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2047
S.D. 3

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2047, S.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a tax credit for home modifications to accommodate persons with disabilities or to facilitate aging-in-place.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation, the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers, the American Association of Retired Persons Hawaii, the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hawaii Division, the Kokua Council, and two individuals. The state Council on Developmental Disabilities supported the intent of the measure and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the State's aging population and individuals with disabilities need assistance to allow them to live on their own or live with family caregivers. Individuals who live on their own or with their families are happier and lead healthier and more productive lives. The State also benefits from this arrangement by deferring caregiving costs and avoiding institutionalization.



Your Committee further finds that many homes are not readily equipped with the safety and accessibility features necessary to care for elderly or disabled individuals. This measure provides tax incentives to make the necessary home modifications to assist elderly and disabled individuals to live on their own or live with family caregivers.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2047, S.D. 3, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



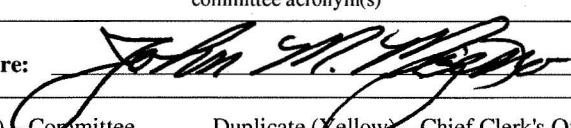
JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2047, SD 3	Committee Referral: HLT/HSR, FIN	Date: 3-12-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
7. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

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HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)	X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	X			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	X			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	X			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	X			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
8. MIZUNO, John	X			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X			
TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Karl Rhoads</i></u>				
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