

Sen. Fukunaga:

Once again I appreciate the time you devoted to SB 2155 at your EDT hearing this afternoon.

I am writing to let you know how the House Public Safety & Military Affairs Committee (Chair, Rep. Cindy Evans) amended the House companion to SB 2155. HB 2306 was amended by: (1) adding the technically preferred language "**as amended**" which replaced the words "(as currently enacted or hereafter amended)". The term "as amended" is the preferred language according to LRB Drafting Manual. Chair Evans also inserted the words "**made to health care providers**" to make clear that only "advances and costs payable to health care providers is exempt from GET.

This is HB 2036 HD1--the highlighted language differs from the original draft found in SB 2155 and HB 2036:

SECTION 2. Section 237-24.75, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"**§237-24.75 Additional exemptions.** In addition to the amounts exempt under section 237-24, this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Amounts received as a beverage container deposit collected under chapter 342G, part VIII;

(2) Amounts received by the operator of the Hawaii convention center for reimbursement of costs or advances made pursuant to a contract with the Hawaii tourism authority under section 201B-7[[]]; and[[]]

(3) Amounts received by a managed care support contractor of the TRICARE program that is established under 10 United States Code chapter 55, **as amended** for reimbursement of costs or advances **made to health care providers** pursuant to a contract with the United States; and

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