

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 260

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 724

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 724 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to modify some of the State's income tax "check off" provisions.

Specifically, the measure broadens taxpayers' choices when donating a portion of their tax refund to the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund, and the domestic violence and sexual assault special funds within the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Judiciary.

Under current law, an individual taxpayer with a state income tax refund of \$5 or more may designate \$5 of the refund to be donated to the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund, the domestic violence and sexual assault special fund of the Department of Health, the spouse and child abuse special account of the Department of Human Services, and the spouse and child abuse special account of the Judiciary. This measure would amend the law by allowing an individual taxpayer with a state income tax refund of \$8 or more to designate either \$5 or \$8 of the refund for donation.


Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Domestic Violence Action Center, and Oahu VOICES.



The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 724 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



