

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2593  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2593, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote greater accountability by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to conduct periodic reviews of housing projects certified to receive a general excise tax (GET) exemption; and
- (2) Requiring HHFDC to adopt rules, including penalties for non-compliance, relating to the GET exemption.

A concerned individual supported this bill. HHFDC opposed this measure. The Hawaii Association of REALTORS and Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:


- (1) Requiring the Department of Taxation, instead of HHFDC, to conduct the periodic reviews of the housing projects certified to receive a GET exemption; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2593, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2593, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Housing,



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RIDA CABANILLA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HJR 899-10

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2593, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSG, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3-17-2010</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida (C)	✓			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	✓			
3. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
4. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
5. HAR, Sharon E.				X
6. HERKES, Robert N.		X		
7. ITO, Ken	✓			
8. LEE, Chris	✓			
9. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
10. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.		X		
13. THIELEN, Cynthia				X
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <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>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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