

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2329

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2010

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

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2593 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 measure is to require the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct periodic reviews of housing projects certified for a general excise tax exemption to determine whether the housing projects have met eligibility criteria required by law and rule.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one private organization and one individual. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

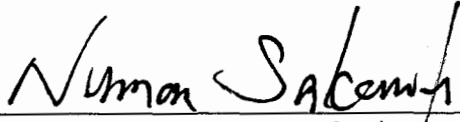
Your Committee has been informed that about 700 applications for general excise tax exemptions are reviewed annually by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and then filed. Your Committee is not certain how many affordable housing units are granted this exemption and if indeed the State is receiving all of the general excise tax revenues owed to the State from the properties in question. It is also unclear how many millions of dollars the State has excepted and how many millions of dollars may be collected with proper oversight.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on this measure.

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

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Education and Housing
EDH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2593	Committee Referral: EDH, WAM	Date: 2-10-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		/		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		/		
TSUTSUI, Shan S.		/		
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	2	3		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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