

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2411

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2594
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2594, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to place greater control on the general excise tax exemption for affordable rental housing.

Specifically, this measure provides that a general excise tax exemption approved and certified by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for a newly constructed or moderately or substantially rehabilitated housing project developed by a qualified person or firm to provide affordable housing shall apply only to the portion of rental income received from households that meet gross annual income requirements.

This measure also adds a residency requirement for households in a newly constructed or moderately or substantially rehabilitated housing project developed by a qualified person or firm in order for that person or firm to be considered to receive a general excise tax exemption.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition of this measure from Ford Island Housing and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.



Your Committee finds that this measure establishes a more level and fair playing field for resident individuals and families who need affordable housing by better targeting an incentive to developers and owners of rental units for low and moderate income renters and for homeowners residing in new or substantially rehabilitated homes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2594, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

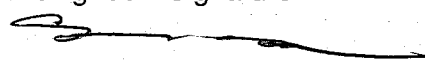
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2594, SDI	Committee Referral: EDH, WAM	Date: 2.24.10		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)		/		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		/		
FUKUNAGA, Carol		/		
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		/		
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/		/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	6	4	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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