

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 946

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2011

RE: H.B. No. 782
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 782, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism Operation Special Fund for the operation of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
- (2) Impose a surcharge on certain business- and commerce-related fees and require the surcharge revenues to be deposited into the Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Insurers Council, USAA, Hawaii Financial Services Association, American Council of Life Insurers, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, State Farm Insurance Companies, E Noa Corporation, and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure



from the Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

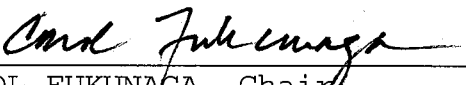
Your Committee finds that this measure would provide the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism with a dedicated source of funding that would enable the Department to engage in more long-term planning and other activities that are crucial to the State's economic development.

Your Committee has heard a number of concerns regarding this measure, but believes that the proposal merits further consideration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to allow for further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 782, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 782, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

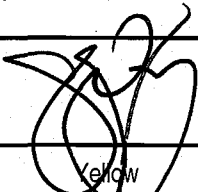
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Technology,


CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 782, HD 2	EDT, WAN	3/23/11		
<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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		✓		
SOLOMON, Malama		✓		
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	2	2	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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