

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2144  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2144 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Taxation to submit a report to the Legislature and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation on general excise tax exemptions for low-cost housing and affordable rental housing construction and development.

The Department of Taxation opposed this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this measure.

Recognizing the confidential nature of some of the reporting provisions contained in the measure, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting provisions that require the Department of Taxation to submit information regarding:

- (1) Individual exemptions awarded;
- (2) The criteria under which individuals or entities qualified for the exemption; and
- (3) How long each individual or entity has been exempt,



and instead has amended this measure to require the Department of Taxation to submit a report to the Legislature and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation on the general excise tax exemptions granted for development of low-income housing and affordable rental housing during the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2010, as well as a listing of all exemptions awarded and the duration of all exemptions awarded.

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 H.B. No. 2144, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCA 598-12

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2144</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSG, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/15/12</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 T.R. (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
11. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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