

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3 , 2011

RE: H.B. No. 833

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 833 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to work towards meeting the need for affordable housing, care for the elderly, and services for Hawaii's disadvantaged by providing general excise tax (GET) credits for affordable rental housing and community health care facility development that occurs within a mixed-use transit-oriented joint development project.

The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and Hawaii Association of REALTORS testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Taxation testified in opposition to this bill. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Housing and transportation costs are the two largest costs faced by today's families. Among other things, locating affordable housing and other community services near transit areas will allow families and persons living in these areas easier access to schools, jobs, health care centers, and social services. Targeted tax policies to spur the growth of this type of development near transit locations will work toward the creation of more sustainable communities and increase the quality of life for those living in those communities.

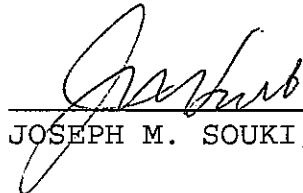
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While your Committee does understand that the provision of GET credits may have an impact on the overall fiscal condition of the State, the importance of this matter deserves further consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 833 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committees on Housing and Health.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 833	Committee Referral: TRN, HSG/HLT, FIN	Date: 1/31/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.		/		
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				/
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
10. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (11)	9	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Linda Ichiyama</u>				
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