

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1850  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1850 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to apply the conveyance tax to transfers or conveyance of a controlling interest in an entity with an interest in real property located in the State.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Partners in Care, and PHOCUSED testified in support of this measure. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii testified in opposition of this measure. The Department of Taxation, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1850, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1850, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,

  
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CINDY EVANS, Chair



