

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 207
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 207
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the income tax
credit for low-income household renters.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Committee on Beneficiary
Advocacy and Empowerment, Americans for Democratic Action, League
of Women Voters of Hawaii, AARP Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center
for Law & Economic Justice, Parents and Children Together,
Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii State Teachers Association,
IMUAlliance, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and several individuals
testified in support of this measure. The Department of Taxation
and Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adjusting the income tax rates and the filing threshold
amounts for taxpayers filing a single return or as a
married person filing separately;
- (2) Applying the income tax credit to taxable years
beginning after December 31, 2017;



- (3) Changing its effective date to take effect upon a date to be determined to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 207, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 207, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



