

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 761

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 761 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require businesses to provide proof of purchase in electronic form, unless a consumer requests it in paper form, and specify the penalties for violations.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Office of Consumer Protection, Department of the Attorney General, and Hawaii Food Industry Association commented on this measure.

Your Committee notes its concern that the measure as drafted could have a severe impact on businesses and could even force many older mom-and-pop businesses to close due to the penalties of not having the funds or technical resources for compliance. However, your Committee notes that more businesses should be encouraged to provide electronic receipts for their customers and, as such, the idea of promoting electronic receipts warrants further discussion.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the provision for proof of purchase in electronic form permissive rather than mandatory;
- (2) Deleting any penalties for failure to provide proof of purchase in electronic form; and
- (3) Changing its effective date to April 25, 2112.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 761, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 761, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



