

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1159

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 844
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 844
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force in
the Department of Taxation to discuss the need to rebalance and
repurpose the tax programs created by the general excise tax,
income tax, and transient accommodations tax laws.

The O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the
Democratic Party of Hawai'i supported this measure. The Department
of Budget and Finance, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation
of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the task force shall study the tax
programs under property tax laws, rather than transient
accommodations tax laws;
- (2) Specifying that task force members may be the designees
of the named members; and



- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 844, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 844, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



