

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2314

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2120

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2120 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GIFT CERTIFICATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exclude certain  
county-issued cards and certificates from the definition of "gift  
certificate" or "certificate" for purposes of regulating gift  
certificates in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation Services of the City and  
County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu  
uses smart cards for public transit passengers to pay for fares.  
Using smart cards as a means of payment for public transportation  
eliminates the need for the public to purchase daily and monthly  
transit passes. Existing law subjects all county-issued cards,  
including smart cards, to regulations relating to gift  
certificates in the State. This measure will clarify that county-  
issued cards are not subject to regulation under the State's  
unfair and deceptive practices act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in



accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2120 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



