

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1554

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2021

RE: H.B. No. 149
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 149, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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 clarify that cards issued by a county for the purposes of paying transit fares, county fees, and other uses as authorized by an applicable county ordinance are not subject to the State's unfair and deceptive practices statutes related to gift certificates.

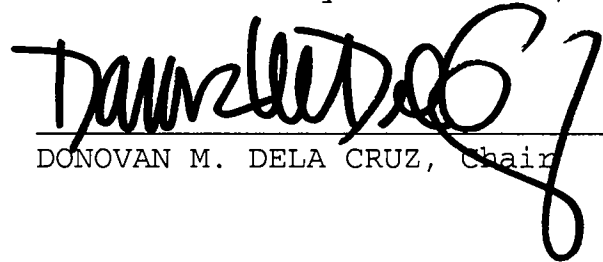
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many large cities, including the City and County of Honolulu, have adopted the use of smart cards to pay for public transit fares. Your Committee also finds that these smart cards may be used in the future to pay for on-street parking, permits, and registration fees. Your Committee believes that clarifying that these types of cards are exempt from the State's unfair and deceptive practices laws relating to gift certificates will support the counties' adoption and administration of smart card programs.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 149, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

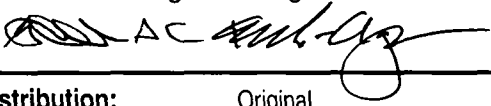


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>HB 149, HD1, SD 1</i>	<i>CPN, WAM</i>	<i>4/1/21</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X	
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X	
WAKAI, Glenn	X	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X	
TOTAL	<i>11</i>	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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