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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 61

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 61 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY EXAMINING HOW  
CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS PRODUCE FISCAL NOTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Legislative Reference Bureau to study how Iowa, Louisiana,  
Maryland, Oregon, Texas, and the District of Columbia produce  
fiscal notes.

More specifically, this measure requests that the study  
include, for each of the six jurisdictions, an analysis of:

- (1) The statute, rule, or other authority governing the  
preparation of fiscal notes;
- (2) The types of [legislative] bills for which fiscal notes  
are produced;
- (3) The points during the legislative process in which  
fiscal notes are produced and revised;
- (4) The type of information included in the fiscal note;
- (5) The entity responsible for producing the fiscal note;



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- (6) The time period for which the jurisdiction must project financial impacts; and
- (7) Any other matters that the Bureau believes may be helpful or significant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, ACLU of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that fiscal notes are written reports that analyze or project the budget impacts of legislative bills. The procedures used to produce fiscal notes and the information contained within the reports differ dramatically from state to state. Your Committee further finds that studying how certain other jurisdictions generate fiscal notes would be beneficial to determine which model, if any, would best provide useful information for Hawaii's lawmakers.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 61, and recommends its adoption.

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



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HCR 61</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4/15/2025</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			<del>X</del> 8
WAKAI, Glenn				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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