

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 997

Honolulu, Hawaii  
FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 795  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 795  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a tax credit to  
taxpayers and make deposits to the Emergency and Budget Reserve  
Fund and Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund pursuant to  
Article VII, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that when the balance of the general  
fund at the close of each of two successive fiscal years exceeds  
five percent of the general fund revenues for each of those two  
fiscal years, Article VII, Section 6, of the Hawaii State  
Constitution requires the Legislature to dispose of excess general  
fund revenues through a tax credit or refund to state taxpayers; a  
deposit into one or more funds as supplemental sources of funding  
in times of an emergency, economic downturn, or unforeseen  
reduction in revenue; or an appropriation of general funds for the  
pre-payment of debt service for general obligation bonds or  
pension or other post-employment benefit liabilities accrued for

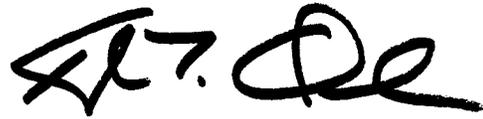


state employees. This measure is a vehicle for taking those constitutionally mandated actions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, 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. 795, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 795, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



