

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1435-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 362
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and
Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No.
362 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO
CONSIDER ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS
TO ASSIST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to ease the
burden of skyrocketing real property tax rates which have gone
beyond the means of some residential property owners who may be in
jeopardy of losing their property by requesting that the counties
consider establishing real property tax hardship exemptions to
assist residential property taxpayers.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Budget and
Fiscal Services opposed this concurrent resolution.

Your Committees find that the rapid increase of property
taxes has created financial difficulties for many people
statewide. These difficulties are exacerbated when natural or
man-made disasters occur and cause damages to homes that are not
fully covered by insurance or other financial aids. In such
situations, people already stretched to the limit by the current
property tax rates may be in jeopardy of losing their homes when
unable to pay for the necessary repairs and the taxes.

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Accordingly, your Committees have amended this concurrent resolution by amending its title to read: REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS TO ASSIST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS IN JEOPARDY OF LOSING THEIR PROPERTY DUE TO COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RECOVERING FROM NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 362, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 362, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety &
Military Affairs and Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



CINDY EVANS, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 362 / HR 298	Committee Referral: PSM / CPC	Date: 3/20/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				✓
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
4. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
8. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL (13)	7	-	-	6
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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