STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii Ebruary 28, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 760 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 760, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide an opportunity for persons renting motor vehicles in Hawaii to make a voluntary contribution to be used toward environmental protection.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Historic Hawaii Foundation, Land Use Research Foundation, and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii submitted testimony in support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's unique environment is a critical component of our tourism-based economy. Check-offs for voluntary contributions are used in thirty-six states to provide funding for conservation programs. Allowing persons who rent motor vehicles an opportunity to donate money to conservation activities is a proven way to raise funds to preserve and protect Hawaii's unique environment, which is critical to residents and beloved by those who visit Hawaii to experience its stunning natural beauty. This measure will allow visitors and residents alike a simple opportunity to assist in preserving and sustaining Hawaii's natural resources.

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. 760, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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





State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB760 HD1	Committee Referral: TRN/EEP, FIN	Date: 02/20/13	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)			
FIN Members	Ayes Ayes	(WR) Nays I	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.			_
5. HASHEM, Mark J.			
6. ING, Kaniela			
7. JORDAN, Jo			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.			1
10. MORIKAWA, Dee			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			-
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.			-
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth			,
17. WARD, Gene			
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TOTAL (17)	17		3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:			
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