

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3064

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1958

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1958, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION
FOR LOW INCOME RENTAL SUBSIDIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt rental
subsidy payments for Section 8 and Housing First programs from the
state general excise tax.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Coordinator on Homelessness under the Office of the
Governor, Department of Human Services, Hawaii Public Housing
Authority, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, and one individual.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that housing programs, such as the
Section 8 and Housing First programs, that serve the most
vulnerable populations are challenged to find landlords and
property managers willing to rent units to those individuals and
families participating in the programs. For example, it may often
take a Section 8 program participant several months to find a
landlord willing to accept a voucher, leaving the family without
housing and stability. This measure offers a creative way to
incentivize landlords to rent to Section 8 program participants
and homeless individuals and families by providing an exemption of
rental subsidy payments from the state general excise tax.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1958, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



BREENE HARIMOTO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1958, HD1	Committee Referral: HOU, WAM	Date: 3/15/16		
<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
HARIMOTO, Breene (C)	✓			✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
GREEN, Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		✓		
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	1	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes