STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9 , 201

RE: H.B. No. 246

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 246 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to relieve the tax burdens of low-income households in the State by increasing:

- (1) The income tax credit for low-income household renters for taxpayers with adjusted gross income of less than \$30,000 from \$50 to \$150 per qualified exemption; and
- (2) The refundable food/excise tax credit, which is based on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income, from \$0 to \$170 per qualified exemption.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, UNITE HERE Local 5, ILWU Local 142, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Partners in Care, Americans for Democratic Action, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, PHOCUSED, Hawaii Community Assets, Chow Project, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and an individual testified in support. The Department of Taxation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and an individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to apply to taxable years after December 31, 2015.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee on Human Services respectfully requests that it consider increasing the income eligibility threshold for the income tax credit for low-income household renters from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 246, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 246, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Housing.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services,

DEE MORIKAWA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: Committe HBZ46 HVS	e Referral: , ;HSG , F	Date:	2/5/15	
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)				
HUS Members	Ayes /	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORIKAWA, Dee (C)				
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. JORDAN, Jo				
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				7 · ·
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				
TOTAL (8)	6			2
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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