STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2659

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 3 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2655 S.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2655, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX COLLECTION DATE."

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to change the filing deadline for monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual general excise tax returns from the twentieth day of the respective applicable month to the last day of the month.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Business League.

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

Your Committee finds that general excise tax returns were originally due on the last day of the month following the end of the tax period. However, Act 196, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, accelerated the filing and payment of general excise taxes to the twentieth day of the month. Your Committee further finds that the current deadline is burdensome for small business owners and contractors. Accordingly, your Committee finds that extending the general excise tax return date to the last day of the month will benefit taxpayers and the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2655, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

JILL N. TOKUDA, Chai:

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
GALUTERIA, Brickwood					
HARIMOTO, Breene				<u> </u>	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	··-		_		
RIVIERE, Gil					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.					
WAKAI, Glenn		/		<u></u>	
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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