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То:	The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair; The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair; and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
From:	Isaac W. Choy, Director Department of Taxation
Date: Time: Place:	Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:00 P.M. Via Video Conference, State Capitol

## Re: H.B. 2179, Relating to Collection of Delinquent Taxes

The Department of Taxation (Department) <u>strongly supports</u> H.B. 2179, an Administration measure, and offers the following comments for the committee's consideration.

H.B. 2179 amends section 231-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to authorize the Director of Taxation to apply to the circuit court to convert certain tax liens into enforceable civil judgments. The measure is effective upon approval.

The Department notes that there are several current delinquent tax cases that are essentially uncollectible despite the existence of tax liens. When a delinquent taxpayer deliberately ignores the department's communications and the lien remains uncontested, the collection process cannot move forward. This legislation would allow the Director to seek judicial enforcement of tax liens that were properly recorded and for which at least 365 days have elapsed since official notice with no response or action from the lienee taxpayer. This change will incentivize delinquent taxpayers to proactively respond to lien notices instead of ignoring them, leading to increased tax compliance.

The Department is in strong support of this bill and is able to implement the measure as drafted. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

## <u>HB-2179</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is wrong Taxes are Elligal under the Consitution. Now that we are no longer THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA THE COPERATION. We are now The United States of America the Pepublic. The Consitution is the law of the Land and any Violator can be Charged with Treason. Trump Signed this in to effect when He was in office all you got to do is look it up.