

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3109

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2485  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal an obsolete fee for a certified copy of a tax clearance;
- (2) Add a penalty for failure to comply with reporting requirements under general excise tax law and transient accommodations tax law for collection of rent by a third party; and
- (3) Raise the unfair competition penalty under general excise tax law to adjust for inflation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and Travel Technology Association.



Your Committee finds that under existing law, every person authorized to collect rent on behalf of an owner of real property in the State is required to provide the Department of Taxation with certain information. However, there is no penalty for failing to comply with this requirement. This measure will provide the Department of Taxation with an enforcement mechanism to help the Department promote tax compliance and uphold the State's tax laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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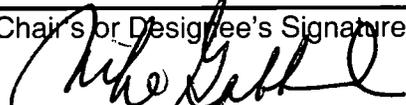
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		✓	<del>MS</del>	
AWA, Brenton	<del>MS</del>		✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	1	1	

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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