

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **564**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 159
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 159 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF NON-GENERAL FUNDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal various non-general funds and accounts.

Specifically, this measure repeals the following:

- (1) The Captain Cook Memorial Fund;
- (2) The statewide geospatial information and data integration special fund;
- (3) The food distribution program revolving fund;
- (4) The career and technical training projects revolving fund;
- (5) The University of Hawaii alumni special fund;
- (6) The animal research farm, Waialeale, Oahu special fund;
- (7) The public health nursing services special fund;
- (8) The blind shop revolving and handicraft fund;



- (9) The donations for voter registration drive trust account;
- (10) The Hawaii FYI - ICSD trust account administratively established in 1996;
- (11) The parking control revolving fund escrow account;
- (12) The returned ACH tax refunds trust account administratively established in 2004;
- (13) The HDOA biocontrol foreign exploration special fund created in 2010;
- (14) The Hawaii EUTF self-directed investments trust account created in 2007; and
- (15) An account controlled by the state commission on fatherhood.

The measure also transfers the balance of the fee simple residential revolving fund into the general fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Accounting and General Services, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and one individual. The Office of the Auditor and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure implements some of the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor Report Nos. 14-01, 14-13, and 14-18. Repealing funds that no longer serve their intended purpose or no longer have activity makes government finances more transparent, increases budgetary flexibility, improves government efficiency, and raises government accountability.

Your Committee has amended this measure by repealing the fee simple residential revolving fund and references to that revolving fund that are contained in other sections in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than only transferring the balance in the fund to the general fund.



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. 159, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 159, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



