

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 149

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 149 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GIFT CERTIFICATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that county-issued
stored-value cards are not subject to the State's law that
outlines unfair and deceptive practices with respect to gift
certificates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation Services of the City and
County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds counties are modernizing the methods of
payment for services they provide through the use of reloadable
cards. Your Committee further finds that the law on gift
certificates under the State's unfair or deceptive acts or
practices could be clarified to explicitly disapply that law to
these county-issued stored-value cards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the
effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further
discussion.

2021-1489 HB149 HD1 HSCR HMSO



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 149, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



