

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **359**-22

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1494

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred H.B. No. 1494 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT SECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the purpose and duties of the Special Enforcement Section of the Department of Taxation.

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.

Your Committee finds that the Special Enforcement Section of the Department of Taxation was established to give the Department necessary resources and tools to target high-risk, cash-based transactions to ensure compliance with state tax laws. Your Committee further finds that the duties of the Special Enforcement Section need to be updated to reflect current policies and practices of the Department of Taxation. This measure would update the Special Enforcement Section's legal authority, thereby ensuring compliance with state tax laws and promoting fairness and transparency for Hawaii's taxpayers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report,



your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1494 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1494	Committee Referral: ECD, FIN	Date: 2/9/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. QUINLAN, Sean (C)	✓			
2. HOLT, Daniel (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
6. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (8)	8	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 200px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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