

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 948

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 707  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 707  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the tax burden on Hawaii's taxpayers by establishing a refundable food tax credit for those with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$70,000 or less per year. Under this inversely graduated tax credit schedule, a taxpayer with an AGI of \$17,500 or less can claim a tax credit of \$300 while a taxpayer with an AGI between \$50,001 and \$70,000 can claim \$75.

The Department of Taxation testified in support of this bill. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

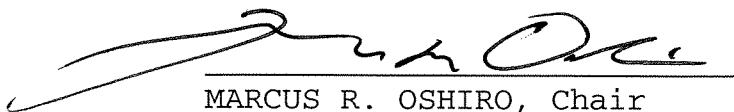
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the amount of the tax credit in each category to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 707, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 707, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">HB 707</span>	<b>Date:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2/27/07</span>			
<b>Committee Referral:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">FIN</span>	<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold         </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration         </div> </div>				
<b>FIN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
6. CHONG, Pono	✓			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
9. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
10. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
11. MIZUNO, John	✓			
12. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
13. RHOADS, Karl		X		
14. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
15. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
16. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
18. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	17	1	0	0
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.  <small>committee acronym(s)</small> </div> </div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; display: block; text-align: center;">Marilyn B. Lee</span>				
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