

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2097
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2097, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide caregivers with some financial relief by providing a \$1,000 tax credit to every eligible caregiver providing long-term care to one or more elderly family members requiring such care at home.

The Faith Action for Community Equity-Public Health Committee, National Multiple Sclerosis Society Hawaii Division, Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, ILWU Local 142, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Taxation and the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs supported the intent of this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee, having received testimony to the effect, is open to making the tax credit refundable. However, in the absence of a cost estimate, such action may be premature at this time. Your Committee has therefore amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion on this and other provisions of the bill.

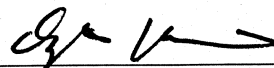


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Your Committee has also amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 2097, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2097, H.D. 2.

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




DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2097 HD1		Date: 3-1-06		
Committee Referral: HUS/HLT, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy				✓
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift				✓
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
16. MOSES, Mark S.	✓			
17. PINE, Kymberly	✓			
18. STEVENS, Anne V.	✓			
TOTAL	15			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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