

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

399

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 617

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 Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 617 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve recruitment and retention of Hawaii National Guard members by providing them with job security outside of the National Guard. Specifically, this bill establishes a refundable income tax credit for employers that hire or employ Hawaii residents who are members of the National Guard.

The Department of Defense, Hawaii National Guard Association, Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association, National Guard Association of Hawaii Insurance Trust, and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Department of Taxation offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Deleting:

- (A) The percentage of a qualified employee's salary or wage costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year; and



- (B) The maximum amount of tax credit, that may be claimed by the taxpayer, to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2015, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 617, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 617, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">HB 617</div>		Date: <div style="text-align: right;"> Saturday, February 3, 2007 2/8/07 SEA </div>		
Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">PSM, FIN</div>		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <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 recommitment for further consideration </div> </div>				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
4. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL	10	—	—	3
The recommendation is: <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. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div> </div> </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 24pt; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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