

Honolulu, Hawaii

Jan 31, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2624
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2624 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL LEARNING MISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide a tax credit to organizations that sponsor children to participate in international learning missions, up to a maximum of five children.

The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council testified in support of this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported the concept of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing references from "children" to "students";
- (2) Allowing corporations tax credits for sponsoring teachers, as well as students; 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 International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2624, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2624, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on International
Affairs,



RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 30-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2624	Committee Referral: INT, EDB, FIN	Date: 28 Jan 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
INT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (C)	✓			
2. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				✓
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	✓			
6. MIZUNO, John	✓			
7. RHOADS, Karl				✓
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	6	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">_____</div>				
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