

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2719

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2179
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2179 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Taxation to coordinate an outreach initiative to raise awareness of the federal earned income tax credit among eligible taxpayers. This measure also makes an unspecified appropriation for this purpose.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Written comments were submitted by the Department of Human Services and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the federal earned income tax credit is a means for low income families to reduce their tax liability and, in many cases, receive a refund. Your Committee finds that over one hundred thousand families in Hawaii claim the federal earned income tax credit; however, the tax credit goes unclaimed by thousands of additional families who may be eligible to benefit from it. Your Committee finds that a program to raise awareness in Hawaii of the federal earned income tax credit may assist more families in claiming the credit and allow them to retain more of their income to use for food, housing, and other necessities.

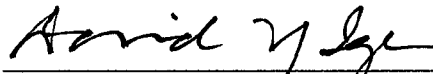


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2179, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2179, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2179	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2-29-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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