

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2030**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB - 7 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2317

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2317 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish three new tax credits for caregivers:

- (1) A small business caregiver leave tax credit for a percentage of the payroll cost to a small business employer providing an employee with leave to serve as a caregiver;
- (2) A caregiver tax credit for the cost of providing care to a qualified care recipient; and
- (3) A caregiver educational cost tax credit for qualified educational costs of caregiver courses or programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; ILWU Local 142; and the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that studies have shown that family caregivers incur significant financial costs, affecting their standard of living and future financial security. Tax credits would help mitigate the financial burden - the small business



caregiver leave tax credit would reduce the financial burden on small business employers, making it viable for small business owners to allow their employees to provide needed care; the caregiver tax credits ease the financial burden of people who provide care for others, including relatives and people with certain disabilities; and the caregiver educational cost tax credit would make it possible for more caregivers to take advantage of the caregiving training courses or programs available in our community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2317 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2317	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 1-31-12		
<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 checked="" 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes