

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1298

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide incentives for employers to hire developmentally, intellectually, or physically disabled individuals by establishing a nonrefundable income tax credit equal to fifty percent of the qualified wages for the first six months the individual is hired.

Easter Seals Hawaii, Clubhouse International, the Community Alliance for Mental Health, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health supported the intent of this measure. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Taxation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

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 H.B. No. 1298 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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MELE CARROLL, Chair



