

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 310

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 12, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 385  
H.D. 1

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. 385 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance asset building and financial security for Hawaii residents by:

- (1) Providing for a state refundable earned income tax credit;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Human Services to offer financial education to applicants for and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; and
- (3) Appropriating funds to assist the Department of Human Services in offering financial education to applicants for and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.; Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; PHOCUSED; Partners in Care; and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Department



of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes that it is the intent of your Committee in amending this measure for the Department of Human Services to take the lead in working with the Department of Taxation and the communities affected on the earned income tax credit matter.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the tax credit may be claimed by any individual or corporation meeting the credit qualifications rather than only resident individuals and corporations. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 385, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 385, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



