

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2216

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2309

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2309 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make the State's nonrefundable earned income tax credit (EITC) refundable.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Parents and Children Together, Hawaii Children's Action Network, American Association of University Women-Hawaii, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice, Pono Hawai'i Initiative, Life of the Land, Hawaiian Community Assets, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

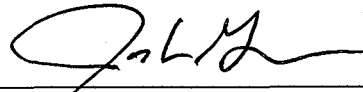
Your Committee finds that Act 107, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, established a nonrefundable ETIC. Your Committee further finds that the federal EITC is refundable, and two-thirds of families in Hawaii who are eligible for the State's EITC are not benefitting because the tax credit is nonrefundable. Your Committee notes that the EITC is designed as an anti-poverty program to help low-income families and would assist families in



need. Making the EITC refundable would assist a greater number of families in need.

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. 2309 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2309	HMS, WAM	2/5/18		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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