

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

65

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 891  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 891 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers at public and private schools in Hawaii by providing a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$500 per taxable year for expenses incurred by teachers for books, supplies, computer equipment, supplementary materials used in classrooms, and professional-development courses.

The Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus supported this measure. The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Amending the definition of "qualifying taxpayer" to require that the individual, including a prekindergarten teacher, be employed for at least 900 hours during a school year to qualify for the tax credit;



- (2) Applying the tax credit to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 891, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 891, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

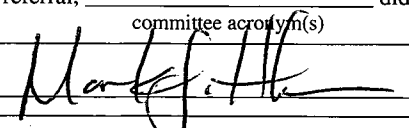
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Lower & Higher  
Education,

  
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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature **HSCR 65**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 891</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LHE, FIN</b>	Date: <b>1/31/19</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
11. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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