

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1189

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 916
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 916, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to continue to strengthen Hawaii's workforce by establishing the:

- (1) Lifelong Learning Account Tax Credit (Credit) to encourage investment by employees and employers in the continuing education and enhancement of skills throughout a person's career;
- (2) Lifelong Learning Accounts Program through which the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) will:
 - (A) Encourage lower-income and lower-skilled employees to open and use a lifelong learning account (Account);
 - (B) Encourage the establishment of Accounts in diverse geographic and economic areas and throughout a various range of businesses;
 - (C) Provide technical assistance to businesses interested in Accounts;



- (D) Partially offset the contribution for low-income employees; and
 - (E) Document the use and effectiveness of the Accounts;
- (3) Kama'aina Come Home Program which coordinates state and county resources to encourage Hawaii residents to build their careers at home by:
- (A) Holding a series of events in select mainland cities to inform and recruit skilled kama'aina back to the state;
 - (B) Developing a database to continuously track the residency of high school graduates who have left the state for the purposes of informing them of career opportunities at home in Hawaii; and
 - (C) Enhancing the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's (DBEDT) "HIRENET" job search website to include specific information on Hawaii job opportunities for out-of-state kama'aina.

The Governor, DLIR, DBEDT, Department of Taxation, and Workforce Development Council supported this bill. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing specific appropriation amounts;
- (2) Deleting specific tax credit limits;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 916, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 916, H.D. 2.



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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 916 HD1		Date: 2/27/07		
Committee Referral: EDB, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom		X		
5. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
6. CHONG, Pono	✓			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.		X		
8. HAR, Sharon E.		X		
9. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
10. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
11. MIZUNO, John	✓			
12. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
13. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
14. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
15. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
16. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
18. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL	15	3	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Mary B. Lee</i>				
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