Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe 48, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2779 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2779 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that an individual is not denied state or county services due to the individual's lack of English-language proficiency by making the denial of such services a civil rights violation. This bill also prohibits county agencies, or programs or activities receiving county financial assistance, from discriminating against an individual because of the individual's disability.

The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, Catholic Charities
Hawaii, Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, Na Loio
- Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, and the
Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant and Refugee Services testified
in support of this bill. The Department of the Prosecuting
Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supported the intent
of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2096, to encourage further discussion; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2779, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2779, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
нв 2779	1/31/06			
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
JUD	previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit			
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	1			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)	<b>✓</b>			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				
4. KANOHO, Ezra R.	<b>✓</b>			
5. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	1			
6. MORITA, Hermina M.	<u> </u>			
7. SONSON, Alex M.	<b>✓</b>			
8. SOUKI, Joseph M.	7			
9. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	1			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	$\overline{}$			
TOTAL	9			1
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  If joint referral,	nittee acronym	did not suppo (s)	ort recommendation	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	itm			
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