

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3398
H.D. 3

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 3398, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand language programs in the University of Hawaii (UH) System by appropriating funds to provide Philippine language and Filipino-American studies courses systemwide.

The Oahu Filipino Community Council, Filipino American Citizens League, Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc., Congress of Visayan Organizations, Hawaii Interpreter Action Network, National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII, United Filipino Council of Hawaii, Philippine Nurses Association-Hawaii, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, UNITE HERE! Local 5, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The UH System provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3398, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3398, H.D. 3.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



