

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2228

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2217
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to:

- (1) Make technical assistance and training to support students with dyslexia available to teachers, educational officers, and employees providing instruction or special services for exceptional children; and
- (2) Coordinate technical assistance and training efforts with teacher preparation programs in institutions of higher learning in the State.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by three private organizations and six individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides support for students with dyslexia by improving awareness and training for teachers, educational officers, and employees who, with the additional training, may better identify dyslexia and provide the



appropriate encouragement and treatment for students with dyslexia.

However, your Committee has also heard the concerns expressed by the Department of Education and has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the provisions requiring the Department of Education to provide technical assistance and training to teachers, educational officers, and employees to support students with dyslexia;
- (2) Removing the provisions requiring the Department of Education to coordinate technical assistance and training efforts with teacher preparation programs in institutions of higher learning in the State; and instead
- (3) Establishing a task force to develop a comprehensive policy to improve awareness of and strengthen support for persons with dyslexia, in hopes that the comprehensive policy will expand into a comprehensive statewide plan in the future.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2217, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Housing,


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Education and Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2217	Committee Referral: EDH, WAM	Date: 2-10-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	//			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	//			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	//			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	//			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	//			
HEMMINGS, Fred	//			
TOTAL	6			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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