STAND. COM. REP. NO. 88 Honolulu, Hawaii F. P. 2011 RE: H.B. No. 688

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 688 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

HB688 HSCR EDN HMS 2011-1868

The purpose of this bill is to create a safe and civil learning environment for all students in public schools by requiring the Department of Education to maintain and monitor anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies and procedures.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Japanese American Citizens League, Pride At Work Hawai'i, Mental Health America of Hawai'i, a member of the Board of Education, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Education opposed this measure. Several concerned individuals provided comments.

While this bill requires additional work for both content and clarity as it proceeds through the legislative process, your Committee feels that the topic is both timely and vital to the safety of Hawaii's keiki. Your Committee looks forward to working with the Committee on Judiciary, should this measure continue forward.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 688 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

ROY TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 600	Committee H EON, J	Referral: VD, FIN		Date: 2 2 2011		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: A Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
EDN Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	(R)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)		\checkmark				
2. BELATTI, Della Au (VC)		\sim				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.						
4. AWANA, Karen L.		\checkmark				
5. CHANG, Jerry L.						\checkmark
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.						
7. MIZUNO, John M.						
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.						
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.		\checkmark				
10. SAIKI, Scott K.		\checkmark				
11. TAKAI, K. Mark		\checkmark				
12. WOOLEY, Jessica		\checkmark				
13. FONTAINE, George R.						
14. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling		\checkmark				
TOTAL (14)		11				3
The recommendation is: Adopted I Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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