

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **65**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2015

RE: S.B. No. 926

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 926
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF LANGUAGE
ACCESS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish three
positions within the Office of Language Access to assist state
agencies and state-funded agencies in implementing Hawaii's
language access law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Language Access, Inter-Agency Council for
Immigrant and Refugee Services, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Office of Language Access was
established to provide oversight, central coordination, and
technical assistance to twenty-six state agencies and
approximately one hundred fifty state-funded agencies in
implementing Hawaii's language access law. The Office of Language
Access provides technical assistance to agencies in the form of
needs assessments, assistance with language access plans, training
of agency staff, work with interpreters and translators, and data
collection and reporting.

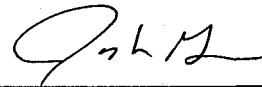
Your Committee further finds that the Office's staff was cut
to a single position in 2009 due to the State's reduction in
force. Although two of the six positions were restored in 2013,
critical staff positions remain unfilled.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 926 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 926	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/4/15
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
GREEN, Josh (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
GABBARD, Mike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
RIVIERE, Gil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SLOM, Sam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	6	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
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***Only one measure per Record of Votes**