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RE: H.B. No. 1988 H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1988, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Education to release from school attendance students observing religious practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education is currently required to excuse any student absence due to the student's observation of a religious holy day. However, your Committee further finds that students may also miss school because of the observation of other religious practices. Your Committee believes that an absence caused by the observation of other religious practices should not be considered an absence of any kind and should not prevent an otherwise eligible student from receiving perfect attendance.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "religious practice" as a significant event connected with a deeply held religious belief; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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. 1988, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1988, H.D. 2.

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

CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

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□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)				
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC	C)			
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.				
5. LOWEN, Nicole E.			ili din daharangi kang nging ngina kan	<u>ka da si na proposi i si da da</u>
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
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7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				
8. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
9. SAY, Calvin K.Y.			nde husens deut	
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
12. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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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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