

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

586

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 225  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 225, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BULLYING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to develop a bullying prevention and response action plan;
- (2) Require the Board of Education, or the Department of Education as the Board's designee, to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the action plan and reported incidents of alleged bullying and harassment; and
- (3) Repeal Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, which required the Board of Education to monitor the Department of Education for compliance with any administrative rules or statutes governing bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu County Republican Party, Hawaii Youth Services Network, The Trevor Project, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status

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of Women, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education and Department of Education recognize that bullying is a severe issue. This measure will help the Board and Department in responding to and preventing bullying in public schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3021, to encourage further discussion; 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 & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 225, 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. 225, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,

  
MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 225 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDN, JHA, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2-17-21</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.				✓
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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