

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1220

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2021

RE: H.B. No. 225  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 225, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BULLYING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 to report annually to the Legislature; and
- (3) Repeal Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education, Board of Education, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education advocates for safe learning environments that ensure the well-being of students and recognizes bullying as a severe issue. Furthermore,



the Department of Education fosters positive and safe learning environments for all students and staff by creating a culture of respect, responsibility, and resiliency and does not tolerate bullying on any of its campuses, transportation, or sponsored events. This measure will serve as a tool for the Board of Education to respond and prevent bullying in public schools.

Your Committee notes that the bullying prevention and response action plan is not just for students but also for Department of Education employees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 225, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 225, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

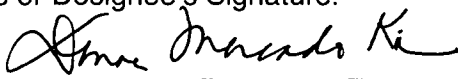


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB225, HD2	EDU, WAM	03/24/21		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	.			/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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