STAND. COM. REP. NO. 982-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: H.B. No. 1762

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1762, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Language Access to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature regarding state agencies' and covered entities' compliance with language access laws, complaints of noncompliance with language access laws, resolution of such complaints, and recommendations to enhance and promote language access; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish Limited English
 Proficiency Language Coordinator positions to work with
 all state agencies to ensure compliance with all state
 and federal language access laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of Community Services, The Legal Clinic, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Common Cause Hawaii, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, and Office of Language Access.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1762, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1762 HD Committee HH HH	Referral:	Date:	2-24-2	2
☐ 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	1			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana	/			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.				
5. HOLT, Daniel				
6. ILAGAN, Greggor				
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
8. MARTEN, Lisa			CONTRACTOR OF THE	
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.				738 S. S. W. L. S.
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				
12. TAM, Adrian K.	/	A STORAGE STORAGE STORAGE	A STATE OF THE STA	
13. TODD, Chris	1			
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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