

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1775
H.D. 2
S.D. 3
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1775, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require annual reporting to the Legislature by each state educational program or activity on the number and types of discrimination cases received by the University of Hawaii, Department of Education, and State Public Charter School Commission and other relevant information;
- (2) Establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) senior advisor positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) junior advisor position for the University of Hawaii System to carry out the purposes of this measure; and

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- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission to carry out the purposes of this measure.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the University of Hawaii, Department of Education, and State Public Charter School Commission, rather than each state educational program or activity, are required to submit annual reports to the Legislature;
- (2) Requiring public charter schools to submit the number and types of discrimination cases and other relevant information to the State Public Charter School Commission, in a form prescribed by the Commission, by August 1 of each year;
- (3) Requiring covered educational programs and activities to be in compliance with chapter 368D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, during the school year when state funds are received or expended;
- (4) Deleting the definition of "state educational program or activity";
- (5) Deleting language that would have established two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) senior advisor positions and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) junior advisor position for the University of Hawaii System to carry out the purposes of this measure;
- (6) Deleting the appropriations to the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission to carry out the purposes of this measure;
- (7) Inserting an appropriation of \$350,000 to the Department of Education for equity training;
- (8) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2022; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your

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Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1775, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1775, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE




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