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Honolulu, Hawaii , 2021 MAR 05 RE: H.B. No. 337 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 337, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Require the language and meaning of any proposed constitutional amendment and ratification question to be simple, concise, and direct to the extent practicable;
- (2) Allow the presiding officers of the Legislature to request a written opinion of the Supreme Court regarding the legality of a proposed amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution and the corresponding constitutional ratification question;
- (3) Require the Court to provide a written opinion within forty-eight hours of receipt of the request;
- (4) Require, for any written opinion by the Court that invalidates a constitutional ratification question, a detailed and specific explanation of the reasons for this opinion; and



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(5) Prohibit any appeal of a written opinion.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

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. 337, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

UKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

| | ee Referral: , FIN | Date: | 2-26- | 2021 |
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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) | | | | |
| FIN Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. LUKE, Sylvia (C) | | | | |
| 2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC) | | | | |
| 3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana | | | | - |
| 4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M. | | | | |
| 5. HOLT, Daniel | | | | |
| 6. ILAGAN, Greggor | | | | |
| 7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand | | | | |
| 8. MARTEN, Lisa | | | | |
| 9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | | | W | |
| 10. PERRUSO, Amy A. | | | | |
| 11. SAYAMA, Jackson D. | | | | |
| 12. TAM, Adrian K. | | | | |
| 13. WILDBERGER, Tina | | | | |
| 14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. | | | | |
| 15. McDERMOTT, Bob | | | | |
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| TOTAL (15) | 4 | Ø | Ø | |
| 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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