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Honolulu, Hawaii , 2022 MAR 3 1 RE: H.R. No. 11 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 Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 11 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO RECRUIT AND EMPLOY QUALIFIED BLIND PERSONS TO SERVE AS ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY INSTRUCTORS, AND IN OTHER POSITIONS, AS TEACHERS OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to develop and implement an affirmative action program designed to recruit and employ qualified blind professionals to serve as orientation and mobility instructors and in other positions as teachers of visually impaired students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the National Orientation and Mobility Certification (NOMC) is a credentialing process administered by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board and includes training in teaching Structured Discovery Cane Travel, which has empowered blind children and adults across the

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United States. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education has not employed NOMC credentialed professionals to teach matters of orientation and mobility to blind students. Your Committee believes that an affirmative action program to recruit and employ qualified blind professionals can be effective in educating students with disabilities and serve as a powerful example for these students by letting them know that their disability need not be a barrier for employment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to reflect its purpose; 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 Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 11, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 11, H.D. 1.

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



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

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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)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)				
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. CLARK, Linda				
5. COSTALES, Luella				
6. GANADEN, Sonny				
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
8. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				· · · · ·
9. OHNO, Takashi				
10. QUINLAN, Sean				
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
13. OKIMOTO, Val				
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TOTAL (13)	11			2
The recommendation is: Adop	ion is: 🗖 Adopted 🗆 Not Adopted			
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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