Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2214
        S.D. 1

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

Sir:

     Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2214 entitled:

     "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIGITAL LITERACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

     The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
digital literacy program to be overseen by the Board of Education
and implemented by the State Librarian to promote digital literacy
through programmatic activities that provide children and parents
exposure to digital tools.

     Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Librarian, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, National
Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, and one individual.

     Your Committee finds that libraries are critical providers of
digital literacy services to the public. Your Committee further
finds that recent experiences with remote learning has highlighted
the crucial role of digital literacy in classrooms and beyond.
Accordingly, this measure promotes digital literacy through the
establishment of a digital literacy program within the Hawaii
State Public Library System.

     Your Committee notes the testimony of the State Librarian
requesting that this measure be amended to clarify that the
program established by this measure be available to all community

members. Your Committee further notes the testimony of the
National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii requesting that this
measure provide for the provision of services related to access
technologies for individuals with disabilities. Your Committee
recognizes, too, that funding is necessary for the effective
administration of the program created by this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Clarifying that the program created under this measure
     shall be available to all members of the public;

(2) Expanding the program created under this measure to
     provide services aimed to improve the knowledge, skill,
     and use of access technology for individuals with
     disabilities;

(3) Inserting a blank appropriation to fund the program
     created by this measure and one full-time equivalent
     (1.0 FTE) position to administer the program;

(4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2022; and

(5) 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 S.B.
No. 2214, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second
Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2214, 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

Record of Votes
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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312　　☑ Pass, with amendments 2311　　☐ Hold 2310　　☐ 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	/			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted　　☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: _Donna Mercado Kim_

*Only <u>one</u> measure per Record of Votes

Revised: 12/03/18