

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1427

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2023

RE: H.B. No. 794
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and
Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred
H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISABILITY AWARENESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate the
month of October as "Disability Awareness Month: Employment,
Enrichment, and Inclusion" in recognition of the employment
challenges and successes of persons with disabilities in the
State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Human Services, State Council on
Developmental Disabilities, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Disability
and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Disability Rights Center,
Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition, and seven individuals.

Your Committees find that according to the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention, one in five adult residents in the
State identifies as having at least one disability that could
affect their ability to work. Your Committees further find that
although many individuals with a disability are successfully
employed, others, especially with intellectual or developmental
disabilities, continue to face disparities in the workforce. Your



Committees also find that October was designated by the United States Congress as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in 1945 to educate the general public on the issues experienced by workers with disabilities and how employers can be more inclusive in their hiring practices, which has also been recognized in the State through gubernatorial and mayoral proclamations. By codifying October as "Disability Awareness Month: Employment, Enrichment, and Inclusion", this measure solidifies the State's commitment to the creation and maintenance of an inclusive workforce in the State.

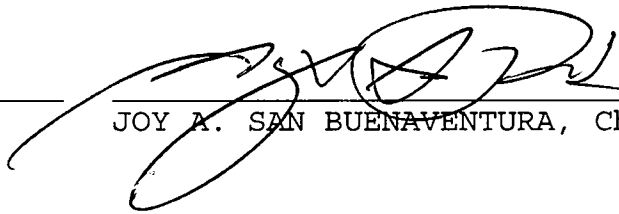
Your Committees have amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Transportation and Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services and Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair

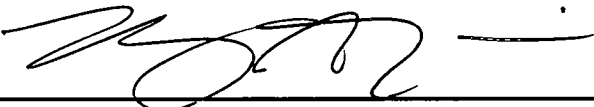


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: | | |
| <i>HB 794 HD1</i> | <i>HHS/TCA</i> | <i>3/21/23</i> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
| The Recommendation is: | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. | ✓ | | | |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. | | | | ✓ |
| AWA, Brenton | ✓ | | | |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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