Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1370
        S.D. 1
        H.D. 1
        C.D. 1

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

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

    Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

    "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSES TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES,"

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) Establish a standard license to solemnize marriages, valid for one year from the date of issuance;

(2) Establish a short-term license to solemnize marriages, valid for sixty days from the date of issuance;

(3) Establish a fee of $100 per year for the issuance of a standard license;

(4)   Establish a fee of $25 per sixty-day period for a short-
      term license; and

(5)   Specify in what amount and to which fund the collected
      license fees shall be deposited.

Your Committee on Conference finds that prior to Act 211,
Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 211), only individuals with
religious affiliations or judicial appointments could obtain a
license to solemnize marriages. While Act 211 authorized the
issuance of civil licenses to solemnize marriages, it also
established a fee for civil licenses. In contrast, no fee was
established to obtain a religious or judicial license. This measure
addresses this difference in fees to ensure equity among all persons
licensed to solemnize marriages in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

(1)   Amending section 1 to clarify the purpose of this measure;

(2)   Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2023; and

(3)   Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the
      purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your
Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your
Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of
S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends
that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B.
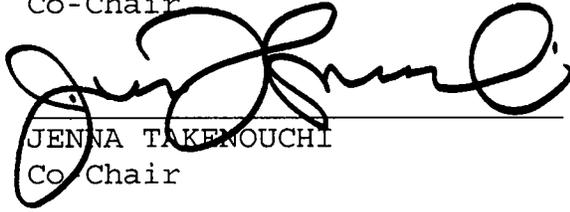No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE   ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

DELLA AU BELATTI
Co-Chair

JENNA TAKENOUCHI
Co-Chair

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Chair

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE
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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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☑ The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).
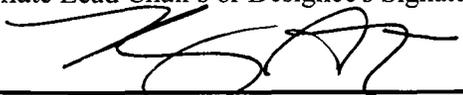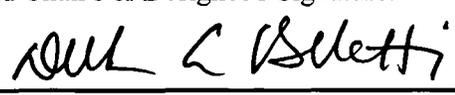
☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

☐ The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					☐ The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
AQUINO, Henry J.C., Chr.	✓				BELATTI, Della Au, Co-Chr.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett, Co-Chr.	✓				TAKENOUCHI, Jenna, Co-Chr.	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓	TAM, Adrian K.				✓
					GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
TOTAL	2			/	**TOTAL**	2		/	/

A = Aye   **WR** = Aye with Reservations   **N** = Nay   **E** = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: *[signature]*	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: *[signature]*