

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2023

RE: S.B. No. 389

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 389 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all places of public accommodation and state building construction constructed after December 31, 2023, to provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible to men and women.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

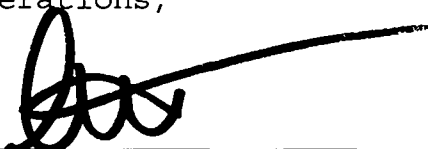
Your Committee finds that families and caregivers of individuals with disabilities who require changing facilities have limited public options for safe and dignified accommodations. A fundamental goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act is to ensure people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in basic civic activities and everyday affairs, such as going to a restaurant or movie theater. Universal changing stations are height adjustable and support up to three hundred pounds in weight. Your Committee further finds that incorporation of universal changing stations foster an environment of equity and



inclusivity for the elderly and wheelchair-bound adults and adolescents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 389 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government  
Operations,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Government Operations**  
**GVO**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 389	GVO, CPN / WAM	2-9-23
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓	
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓	
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	
AWA, Brenton	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	— — 1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature 		
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