STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 17 , ²⁰²³

RE: H.B. No. 834 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 834, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize American Sign Language as a fully developed, autonomous, natural language with its own grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and cultural heritage.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that American Sign Language is a distinct language with its own culture and identity. This measure recognizes American Sign Language as it is the most predominant sign language of deaf communities in the United States.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 834, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.





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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 834, HD I	nmittee Referral:	Tul CPC	2/15/2022	2
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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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				
3. GANADEN, Sonny				
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8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIZUNO, John M.				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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