

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3118**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2683
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2683, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the sunset date for the exemption of laboratory school programs of the College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Executive Office on Early Learning, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hui for Excellence in Education, 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, Laboratory Public Charter School, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Kupuna for the Mo'opuna, and forty-one individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that growing demand and support for Hawaiian language medium education has allowed for the development of pedagogical and professional development tools for educators. Presently, the College of Hawaiian Language at the University of



Hawaii at Hilo works in partnership with Aha Punana Leo to develop performance standards and tools for both students and educators in Hawaiian language medium classrooms. However, recruitment qualifications, performance evaluations, and pedagogical methods utilized in English-medium education may not adequately support the needs of Hawaiian language medium education. Therefore, this measure retains requirements for performance standards and assessments that align with the unique pedagogical needs of Hawaiian language medium schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 H.B. No. 2683, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2683, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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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 |
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| KIDANI, Michelle N. (C) | / | | | |
| KIM, Donna Mercado (VC) | / | | | |
| HASHIMOTO, Troy N. | / | | | |
| RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" | / | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | / | | | |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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