## STAND. COM. REP. NO. 200

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 1 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2937 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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2937 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 at Hilo, Executive Office on Early Learning, Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna, 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, and nineteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, or the College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, is recognized worldwide as being the leader in indigenous education. This measure will address the shortage of Hawaiianproficient certified teachers for state and charter elementary Hawaiian language programs and ensure the continuation of a laboratory school program, which is currently a Hawaiian-medium program, at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.



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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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair



## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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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 V Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.					
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A	٩.				
AWA, Brenton					
TOTAL		5			
Recommendation:					
U Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's a Designee's Signature:					
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