STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2683

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2683 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date for the exemption of laboratory school programs of the Hawaiian Language College 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 Executive Office on Early Learning; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna; 'Aha Pūnana Leo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure is aligned with the Early Learning Board's Road Map, which among other things, recommends the permanent exemption of the Hawaiian Language College's laboratory programs and all Hawaiian medium learning environments from non-applicable standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2683, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2683, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology,

AMY A. PERRUSO, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral: Date:			
HB 2683	HET, Fin 1/31/24			
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
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)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)				
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)			**************************************	
3. LA CHICA, Trish				
4. MARTEN, Lisa				
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6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
7. MIZUNO, May Besario				
8. QUINLAN, Sean				<u> </u>
9. TODD, Chris			164 - 8 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	
10. WOODSON, Justin H.			TTTTTTGER VERFILLT HAT BESTER BELLING UND DELE	
11. GARCIA, Diamond				
TOTAL (11)				3
The recommendation is:				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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