

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2475  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

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

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a harm to students registry, for all early learning programs or schools and K-12 educational institutions within the State, that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.



Your Committee on Conference finds that Hawaii's prekindergarten through grade twelve students have a right to pursue their educational goals in safe, secure, and healthy learning environments statewide. However, in recent years, there has been a growing number of individuals who have perpetuated harm against children at one institution and then sought subsequent employment at another institution, creating a cycle of harm and abuse towards students. This measure establishes a Harm to Students Registry to create additional safeguards for students, maintain safe learning environments, and ensure individuals who have inflicted harm against students are held accountable.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized the Department of Education to share information listed on the Harm to Students Registry with the Department of Human Services;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


  
JUSTIN T. WOODSON  
Co-Chair

  
MICHELLE N. KIDANI  
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Co-Chair

  
KARL RHOADS  
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

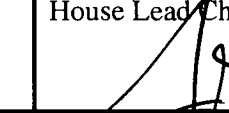
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure

The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.

Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KIDANI, Michelle N., Chr.	/				WOODSON, Justin H., Co-Chr.	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C., Co-Chr.	/				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado, Co-Chr.	/				TAKENOUCHE, Jenna, Co-Chr.	/			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	/				LA CHICA, Trish	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/				MIZUNO, May Besario	/			
					TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
					GARCIA, Diamond	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>			

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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